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2d Battalion, 26th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Actions Report

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1. Code Name. Operation BigHorn
2. Dates of Operation. 091500H Apr 67 to 212400H Apr 67
3. Location. PHONG DIEN, RVN
4. Task Organization

2d Bn, 26th Marines

H&S Co (-)

Co E (Rein)

Co E

Det, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co F (Rein)

Co F

Det, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co G (Rein)

Co G

Det, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

LtCol FIGARD

Capt WALKER

Capt FULFORD

Capt FORTE

Capt OOTS

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Co H (Rein)

Capt ROZMAN

Co H

Det, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plt

Det, Med Plt

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt

FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

5. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery

(1) H&I's were used extensively during the operation, both indirect and direct fire weapons. Direct fire weapons used for H&I fires were: 106mm recoilless rifles, 90mm tank guns, 40mm M-42 and .50 cal. quad mounts.

(2) Due to the nature of the battalion's operation and lack of targets more extensive use of artillery was not practical.

b. Air

(1) The battalion was lifted by helo from the Canyon Area of Operation to the DaNang Airfield on 9 April 1967. The lift commenced at approximately 1100H and the entire battalion was extracted by approximately 1500H. Marine C-130's were standing by at DaNang for immediate loading and further transportation to Phu Bai.

(2) At 1500H 11 April 1967 Company F was helo lifted from the base camp area to hill 51 (Vic 549281). The lift was scheduled to commence at 0700H however, the 2d Bn, 9th Mar was being lifted at the same time and air was over committed.

(3) At 1630H 21 April 1967 approximately 80 personnel of Company F were lifted from hill 51 (Vic 549281) to the base camp area with no problems being encountered.

(4) The battalion requested no further air support other than MedEvacs, recon flights and normal resupply. MedEvacs were requested over the TACP local net and reaction time was short considering the distance involved. Recon flights were provided on a daily basis by 4th Marines.

6. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at beginning of Operation

(1) The enemy has recently conducted company sized attacks against friendly units that were either small in size or located in isolated areas. Other units had received enemy mortar attacks and frequent probing of perimeters. Patrols occasionally received sniping fire.

b. Summary of enemy personnel and equipment losses.

- (1) EN KIA (prob) 2
- (2) Weapons Captured 1

c. Weather and Terrain

(1) Frequent thunderstorms occurred during the period which restricted the use of helicopters due to reduced visibility. However, these storms were usually of short duration and normal operations were not interrupted.

(2) The operating area was predominately the low hills, north of the CO BI-THON TON Valley and the steeper ridges southwest of the valley. On the ridges and slopes vegetation was extremely dense with the initial growth being 12 to 18 feet high.

7. Mission. To reinforce the 4th Marine Regiment and to conduct operations as directed.

8. Concept of Operations. As assigned by 4th Marines

9. Execution. The battalion was participating in Operation Canyon on 9 Apr 67 when a message was received from the Commanding Officer, 1st Marines at approximately 0930H, to make immediate preparations for a helo lift to DaNang Airfield for further movement north. A helo lift was commenced at approximately 1100H and completed at approximately 1500H. The battalion was immediately lifted to Phu Bai by C-130 Aircraft and then moved by truck convoy to the Operation Big Horn operating area.

Company G was Chopped OPCON to the 3d Bn, 26th Marines at Phu Bai, rejoining the battalion at approximately 1100H on 21 Apr 67.

The battalion was assigned the responsibility of perimeter defense for the 4th Marines C.P. and ISA area. This required one rifle company, Company H, and a portion of H&S Company. A portion of the perimeter was also manned by Headquarters Company, 4th Marines, and the 2d Bn, 12th Marines.

Company F was assigned the mission of defending hill 51, YD 549281 and Company E was chopped OPCON to the 2d Bn, 9th Marines for a Search and Destroy Operation. Company E suffered 1 KIA and 2 WIA while OPCON to 2d Bn, 9th Mar.

At 110915H Company H relieved Company E, 2d Bn, 9th Mar and H&S Company relieved H&S Co, 2d Bn, 9th Mar on perimeter defence.

At 111535H Company F relieved Company G, 2d Bn, 9th Mar on Hill 51, YD 549281.

At 121310H Company E returned OPCON to this organization.

At 130610H Company E occupied a blocking position at YD 523287 to assist the 2d Bn, 9th Mar conducting a search and destroy operation. One platoon of Company F occupied a blocking position in the vicinity of YD 560280 to assist in the same operation.

At 141110H at YD 523288 Company E spotted 2 VC at YD 524273. Tanks in direct support of Company E fired 3 rounds of HE which resulted in 2 VC KIA (Prob).

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At 141430H at YD 552293 Company F patrol from the blocking position tripped a surprise firing device believed to be a 105mm round resulting in 3 USMC WIA, one of which later died of wounds.

At 151930H at YD 562264 Company F sighted 2 VC wearing dark clothing at YD 550270 running west. Engaged with 9 rounds HE and 5 rounds illumination from 81mm Mortars. Good target coverage and observation continued with xenon night light with no positive results.

At 161210H at YD 511324 Company F 3d Platoon was conducting a recon patrol northwest of the perimeter when they received sniper fire from the vicinity of YD 507323. Fire was returned with an M-42, 40mm. A green star cluster appeared in response. The platoon immediately ceased fire and observed friendly troops approximately 500 meters to their front.

At 163000H at YD 556287 Company F 1st Platoon located three booby traps. One booby trap was tripped causing one USMC WIA, not evaced. The other two were blown in place.

At 161215H at YD 511324 a member of Company F received an injury to his leg from a punji stake. He was treated at BAS and returned to duty.

At 182320H in the vicinity of YD 557297 a Company F platoon sized ambush received 4 to 5 rounds of small arms fire and observed one VC. The patrol returned 40-50 rounds of small arms fire. The area was searched with negative results.

At 191455H at YD 555283 Company F Platoon sighted 5 personnel moving south at YD 555272, dressed in black, wearing white vietnamese hats and carrying an unknown object. An artillery fire mission was called and all movement in the area ceased.

At 200400H the 2d Bn, 26th Marines (-) (Rein), consisting of Company E, two platoons and a command group of Company F and the Battalion Command Group commenced a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of YD 4825 and YD 4925.

At 201720H at YD 488249 Company E found a 500 lb bomb dud, 4 bunkers, two ChiCom grenades and a claymore mine. All were destroyed with C-4.

At 210810H Company E spotted 4 VC on a trail at YD 493253. Approximately 20 rounds of small arms were received. Three rounds 60mm Mortar, 8 rounds M-79 and 50 rounds of small arms were returned. The VC broke contact, the area was searched with negative results.

At approximately 211700H the Command Group returned to the battalion area and the search and destroy operation was terminated.

At 212400H Operation BigHorn was terminated.

10. Results

a. Friendly losses

(1) Casualties: 4 WIA
1 DOW
3 NBC

(2) Equipment/Material: None

b. Enemy losses

(1) Casualties: 2 KIA (Prob)

(2) Equipment/Material: 1 Carbine

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c. All areas in which artillery missions were called were not searched due to the nature of the operation. No CAS missions were called.

d. No material or foodstuffs of U.S. origin were recovered.

11. Administrative Matters. An administrative plan for the movement of this battalion from DaNang into Operation BigHorn was non-existent. No initial warning was received of the pending movement from DaNang to BigHorn and as a result troops were inadequately prepared.

a. Supply

(1) Resupply of classes I, II, IV and V was accomplished through the 4th Marines Regimental S-4 and the local ISA. Some class II items such as batteries were obtained initially from this source. The battalion organic supply account was gradually brought to Phu Bai and Class II supplies were later drawn from that source.

(2) Resupply during Operation BigHorn has been by helicopter and by armored column. Helicopter resupply was coordinated through the ISA to the Regimental S-4 and the Regimental Air Officer.

(3) Combat loads for assault troops has consistently been: four MGI, basic allowance of ammunition and two canteen of water, additionally troops carry a light marching pack with entrenching tool and wear the body armor.

b. Maintenance

(1) Approximately twelve days after arrival of the battalion the motor transport and ordnance sections were able to displace to the forward Command Post. Until this time a motor transport repair capability was non-existent except on a limited basis from other units. Ordnance repair was accomplished by shipping damaged weapons back to Phu Bai by truck convoy and submitting these weapons to FLSG-A.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Casualties were treated in the field by corpsmen and evacuated to Phu Bai by helicopter if required. A Battalion Aid Station with a limited capability was established within the Command Post.

d. Transportation

(1) Transportation of troops and equipment in tactical and administrative moves was accomplished by tactical truck convoy or helicopter as requested through the 4th Marines Regimental S-4. Difficulty was met in acquiring sufficient truckage to move needed supplies and equipment from Phu Bai to Big Horn.

e. Communications

(1) Normal communications with the PRC-25 were employed. No problems were encountered.

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f. Medical evaluation

- (1) No medical problems were encountered.

13. Commanders Analysis. The area beyond (south) of the CO BI-THON TON would be a good area to position a battalion which could work at will throughout the ridges and valleys which typify the area and which are routes for VC units. An additional battalion could work the valley proper and keep the VC off balance throughout the entire area.

In the field if PsyOps, a Chieu Hoi reception point has been established vicinity YD 546324 with taped music and voice programs. This is used in conjunction with pamphlets dropped throughout the area.

14. Recommendations. That a rifle battalion be based in the area south of the CO BI-THON TON Valley and work Company and Platoon sized patrols and ambushes throughout the area, changing base camp locations every 48 hours.



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Encl: (1) ✓ 2d Battalion, 26th Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1)
is submitted.2. Downgraded at three (3) year intervals, declassified after twelve (12)
years.*D. D. Chaplin*
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DesignationCommanders

2d Battalion, 26th Marines

LtCol C. R. FIGARD 1-17 May 1967
 LtCol W. J. MASTERPOOL 18-26 May
 Maj. J. H. LANDERS 26-27 May 1967
 LtCol. D. D. CHAPLIN 27-31 May

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	Capt A. J. WALKER	1-19 May 1967
"E" Co	Capt A. H. MULLIGAN	20-31 May 1967
"F" Co	Capt F.D. FULFORD	1-31 May 1967
	Capt G. E. FORT	1-28 May 1967
"G"	Capt M. PIPER	29-31 May 1967
"H"	Capt S. E. OOTS	1-31 May 1967
	Capt J. J. ROZMAN	1-31 May 1967

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. Location

1-15 May 1967 Phu Bai, RVN
 16-31 May 1967 Cam Lo, RVN

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Maj J. H. LANDERS	1-31 May 1967
S-1	1st Lt J. A. RHODES	1-31 May 1967
S-2	2d Lt W. A. BROWN	1-31 May 1967
S-3	Maj D. L. YOUNG	1-17 May 1967
	Maj E. R. SAVOY	18-31 May 1967
S-4	Capt L. M. Baker	1-31 May 1967
S-5	2dLt B. E. C. FELLINGER	1-31 May 1967

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	
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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The month of May proved to be a very active period for the 2nd Bn, 26th Marines. The first few days was spent on the final phase of Operation SHAWNEE. On 5 May 1967 2d Bn, 26th Marines was returned to the 4th Marines CP area to resume perimeter security and active patrolling.

On 8 May 1967 Co F/2/26 assumed mission of screening force for sweep being conducted by 2d Bn, 9th Marines and 2d Bn, 4th Marines in the PHONG DIEN area. They were later joined by Co G and conducted a coordinated sweep of the PHONG DIEN SONG. Results of Operation SHAWNEE: Friendly - KIA 1; DOW 3; WIA 26. Enemy - KIA (C) 3; KIA (P) 5; WIA(C) 1; POW 1; Detainees 15.

On 15 May 1967 2d Bn, 26th Marines departed 4th Marines CP for 9th Marines operating area and became OPCON 9th Marines, leaving 2d Plt, H Co OPCON 4th Marines. 2d Bn, 26th Marines moved by motor march to DONG HA, arriving late in the afternoon. Supported by tanks and autos they were moved to north of CAM LO and joined Operation Prairie IV which was already in progress. The night of 15 May passed without incident.

At about 161300H June 1967, the 2d Bn, 26th Marines was heavily engaged at close range with the NVA. On 17 June 1967 the 2d Bn, 26th Marines was heavily engaged. LtCol FIGARD, Bn CO was medevaced as a result of an NVA mortar attack on the Bn CP. Also at the time the Air Liaison Officer, Artillery Liaison Officer, S-3 Operations Officer, and HQ Commandant was medevac as the result of the same mortar attack. The Bn XO assumed command. Late that afternoon LtCol MASTERPOOL assumed command of 2d Bn, 26th Marines. The Battalion continued mission until 170001H when Operation Prairie IV ended and Operation HICKORY began. On 232400H the Battalion - chopped OPCON 9th Marines and became OPCON 3d Marines. The morning of 26

May 1967 a recon flight with the Battalion's CO, and XO along with the CO's of H/2/26 and E/3/4 aboard the helicopter, was shot down by NVA ground fire. All personnel aboard was rescued by chase helo and LtCol MASTERPOOL was medevaced to DONG HA. Maj LANDERS assumed command of the Battalion. On 27 May 1967 LtCol CHAPLIN assumed Command of 2d Bn, 26th Marines. On the 16th until the 28th of May the Battalion was in almost constant contact with the NVA. Being subjected to heavy SA, Mortar, Rocket, and Artillery fire. The problem of coordination of supporting arms became often critical. During air operations artillery was restricted in their firing missions when in fact there was no air operation in the vicinity. Often during an arty fire mission air would come into area and cause a cease fire when air was not requested. This condition continued until the end of May. At 282400H operation Hickory was concluded and operation Prairie IV resumed. On 312100 operation Prairie IV concluded and operation Cimmaron began. Results of action from 16 to 31 May: Friendly - KIA 33; DOW 2; WIA 324. Enemy - KIA (C) 219; KIA (P) 220; Detainees 4.

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1. Logistics.

a. Supply activity during the month of May centered around resupply of units in field combat operations and in replenishment of damaged or lost equipment subsequent to the operation. From the 1st of May to the 15th of May this battalion was on operation Shawnee. During this operation we had our organic supply located in Phu Bai. We were given excellent logistical support by the 4th Marines S-4 and most classes of supply were in abundance. From 15 May to 31 May this battalion participated in Operation Prairie IV, Hickory. The operations were conducted in the area of Con Thien. Our organic supply remained in Phu Bai and due to lack of transportation could not give the battalion any logistical support. We had a very small rear located at Dong Ha and all classes of supply used by our battalion had to be requested from FLSG "A" located at Dong Ha.

b. Maintenance within the battalion was fair. At the end of May a total of five vehicles were on deadline, one M-422A1 was on 3d echelon deadline, three 274A-2 were on 3d echelon deadline and one M-274 was on second echelon deadline. Receipt of spare parts continued to be spasmodic. Most weapons and communications equipment were returned to FLSG "A" for repair. Support for repair of critical items that should have been returned to this unit for use on the above mentioned operations was almost nonexistent.

c. Food Service: A battalion mess was established at the Shawnee area the entire month. A-rations were delivered daily by truck convoy from Phu Bai. From 15 May to 31 May this battalion ate only C-rations with supplemental juice and fruit acquired from the breakout stores at Dong Ha. While this battalion was in the field our mess fed 2d Battalion 4th Marines and other supporting units located in the Shawnee area. It was found while in the Shawnee area there was a lack of ice. The ice acquired had to be brought from Phu Bai and at the end of this long trip most of this ice had melted.

d. Transportation and Roads: Organic supplies and equipment were transported from Phu Bai to Shawnee by truck convoy. A convoy operated daily from Phu Bai to Shawnee area. Tactical movement of troops was by truck convoy and by helicopters. All roads in the area were controlled and maintained by the 4th Marines. One household truck was received daily for water resupply and trash collection. On 15 May this battalion except for two battalion rears were moved by truck convoy to Dong Ha and from there on into the Con Thien operating area.

e. Water in the 4th Marines area was a constant problem. The water capacity of the local water point was insufficient to meet the needs of this unit in several instances. On various occasions two to three hours were required to fill one water trailer M-107. Availability of shower water was generally not good. The battalion received constant assistance from the 4th Marines S-4 concerning this problem and the situation improved gradually. While operating in the Con Thien area this battalion had to be resupplied with water, the only problem in this area was the availability of water cans.

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f. Motor transport within the battalion was improved by the establishment of all battalion vehicles into a central battalion motor pool. Although, during the second half of the month some of our vehicles were located at Dong Ha, away from our organic maintenance. Also during this month, we were hurt by the transfer of a number of our experienced mechanics and our Motor Transport Chief having to go on emergency leave.

g. Embarkation within the battalion mainly concerned the displacement of equipment and personnel from Shawnee to Dong Ha and the Con Thien operating area. This battalion was moved by a forty-five truck convoy to Dong Ha and the Con Thien operating area.

h. Hospitalization and evacuation: Casualties from field operations were detained at Regimental Aid or in the case of the Con Thien operating area "D" Med, from which they were cleared and sent to other medical facilities, located in or out of country. Some evacuees were treated at the Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty. Evacuation was accomplished by helicopter or truck convoy.

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PART III

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Number of replacements received: 18 USMC enlisted; 9 USMC officers; 14 USN enlisted.

b. Number of personnel rotated: 17 enlisted

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:

- (1) WIA - 324
- (2) DOW - 1
- (3) KIA - 33
- (4) Humanitarian/Emergency transfers - 2
- (5) Non-Battle injuries - 6
- (6) Intra-division/regiment transfers - 1 Officer, 57 enlisted

d. During May, 127 out-of-country R & R quotas were received and 44 in-country R & R quotas to China Beach were received.

e. Special Services. There were no Special Services activities this month due to the battalion being tactically committed in the field.

2. Administration

a. Awards

- (1) Purple Hearts - 305

b. Promotions

- (1) To Staff Sergeant - 3
- (2) To Sergeant - 2
- (3) To Corporal - 50
- (4) To Lance Corporal - 105

c. Postal Service - satisfactory.

d. Exchange facilities - available and stocked with necessities.

e. Court - Martials

	COMPLETED	PENDING
General Court Martial	0	0
Special Court Martial	0	0
Summary Court Martial	0	2

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INTELLIGENCE

1. Summary of Enemy Situation at Beginning of Period

a. Co Bi Thanh Tan Area

(1) Friendly units continued search and destroy operations against local VC forces and elements of the 800th, 802d, 804th, 806th, and 814th MF Battalions. The enemy forces appeared to be avoiding contact, and were probably in a state of re-constituting their units as a result of receiving heavy casualties the previous month.

b. Cam Lo - Con Thien Area

(1) At the beginning of the operation, an enemy unit estimated to be of battalion size, was maintaining contact with friendly units. Initially the enemy would attack with mortars to halt the advance of a friendly unit, then would open contact with a heavy volume of small arms fire, including numerous machine guns.

(2) As friendly units advanced through the objective area, the enemy began withdrawing towards the DMZ. The enemy continued to employ mortars extensively, and frequently fired rockets and artillery, in an attempt to delay the friendly units. While the enemy never attempted to counterattack or to hold any definite position he was found to be well organized and well equipped. On occasions when contact was made, the enemy conducted a well coordinated plan of defense and would not break contact until friendly artillery was called.

2. Summary of Enemy Activity During the Period

a. Co Bi Thanh Tan Area

(1) The enemy forces continued to avoid any major contact with friendly units. The enemy was very aggressive in initiating contact by fire but would not attempt to engage friendly units. Enemy snipers were frequently encountered and heavy volumes of Small Arms Fire were not uncommon. The enemy relied primarily on harassing attacks to delay and disorganize units.

b. Cam Lo - Con Thien Area

(1) The enemy conducted an orderly, and generally well coordinated withdrawal as friendly units advanced through the objective area. The enemy's tactics were to maintain contact by distant Small Arms Fire, mortar, artillery, and/or rockets to slow the advance of friendly units during the daylight hours, then to frequently mortar defensive positions at night.

To illustrate the enemy's defense in depth, Annex (D) depicts the enemy's defensive installations, and mortar, artillery, and rocket positions.

3. Summary of Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses

a. Co Bi Thanh Tan

(1) KIA (0) 3

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(2) KIA (P) 3

(3) PW 1

(4) Detainees 15

(5) Wpn's 1

b. Cam Lo - Con Thien Area

(1) KIA (C) 219

(2) KIA (P) 220

(3) PW 0

(4) Detainees 4

(5) Wpn's 9

4. Weather and Terrain

a. Co Bi Thanh Tan

(1) Weather. No adverse weather conditions occurred during the period.

(2) Terrain. The operating area was predominantly jungle covered mountains restricting movement to existing trails, and in almost all cases, trails had to be cut through the undergrowth to facilitate movement. The slopes of hills range from gentle to steep, hills were separated by valleys and stream beds. Water was in abundance. Upon leaving the hills, the battalion moved through numerous rice paddies.

b. Cam Lo - Con Thien Area

(1) Weather. No adverse weather conditions occurred during the period.

(2) The objective area had two distinctive topographic regions. The east portion of the area was predominately rolling plains of generally less than 50 meters. This region had large area of open grasslands flanked by hedgerows and dense secondary growth. Many cultivated areas were found scattered throughout the area and only a few native dwellings were still useable. The secondary growth which separated the cleared and cultivated areas was extremely dense. The wide variety of closely spaced trees found in the secondary growth severely restricted foot movement and limited observation and fields of fire. The western portion of the objective area consisted primarily of hills ranging up to 190 meters. The vegetation on the hills was predominantly elephant grass. Strands of forest were generally encountered on the slopes of the hills. These strands were usually small in size, and the trees in them were generally

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spaced far enough apart that ease of movement could be rapidly made. The vegetation in the valleys separating the hills was predominantly burned out forest. The trees were sufficiently dense to prohibit direct movement through them, but were also spaced well enough apart that ease of movement could be rapidly made. The characteristics of the area favored the enemy by providing him with ample cover and concealment for personnel/equipment.

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OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. Operationsa. Mission Assigned

(1) During the period 1 May to 0800H 15 May 1967 the Battalion was assigned to conduct a search and destroy operation in area (YD 4825, YD 4820, YD 6020, YD 6225).

(2) During the period 0801 15 May to 2400 28 May 1967 the Battalion was assigned to conduct a search and destroy operation in area (YD 1366, YD 1469).

(3) During the period 0001 17 May to 2400 28 May 1967 the Battalion was assigned to conduct a search and destroy operation in areas (YD 1469 north to the southern boundry of the DMZ, southwest to YD 0669).

(4) During the period 0001 29 May to 2400 31 May the Battalion was assigned to conduct search and destroy operation in area (YD 0769 south to YD 0763).

b. Major Operations Conducted. Operation Shawnee 1 May to 0800 15 May 1967; Operation Prairie IV 0801 15 May to 2400 16 May 1967; Operation Hickory 0001 17 May to 2400 28 May 1967; Operation Prairie IV 0001 29 May to 2400 31 May 1967.

c. Command and Control

(1) Task Organization: During period 1 May to 2400 31 May 1967 the Battalion was task organized basically as follows. For changes on specific operations see note.

2d Bn (Rein), 26th Marines

LtCol. C.R. FIGARD 1-17 May-67
LtCol. W.J. MASTERPOOL 17-26 May
Maj. J. H. LANDERS 26-27-May 67
LtCol CHAPLIN 27-31 May 67

H&S Co

Det, Co C, 3d SP Bn

Plt, Co G, 3d Eng Bn

Co E (Rein)

Capt F.D. FULFORD

Co E

Det, H&S Co

Det, Med Plt

Det, Comm Plt

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt

FAC Team

FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines

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Capt. G.C. FORT 1-28 May 1967
 Capt. M. PIPER 28-31 May 1967

Co F
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
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 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FAC Team
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co G (Rein)

Capt. S. E. OOTS

Co G
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
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Co H (Rein)

Capt. J. J. ROZMAN

Co H
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plt
 Det, Comm Plt
 FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FAC Team
 FO Team, Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Direct SupportBtry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Capt J. L. LATHROD

Co A, 3d TK Bn

Capt. B. F. ENNIS

Co C, 3d AT Bn

Capt P. E. BYRNE

Note: 1. 2nd Bn, 26th Marines was OPCON to the following regiments during the following periods.

- a. 1 May to 15 May 1967, 4th Marines
 - b. 15 May to 24 May 1967, 9th Marines
 - c. 24 May to end of reporting period, 3d Marines
2. 2000 17 May 1967, Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines replaced Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar and remained for duration of Operation Hickory until end of reporting period; the FO Team from Btry B, 1st Bn, 13th Mar was retained as liaison.
 3. The Tank/Anti-Tank Companies did not give direct support to the Bn until 15 May 1967 and remained through end of reporting period.

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4. During the period 25 May to 27 May 1967 Co K, 3d Bn, 4th Mar was OPCON to 2nd Bn, 26th Mar.

5. During the period 28 May to 29 May 1967 Co H, 2nd Bn, 26th Marines was OPCON to 3d Bn, 4th Mar.

(2) Control: The AN/FRC-25 provided not only primary control during the reporting period, but also dependable communications. Difficulties were experienced several times due to the close assignment of frequencies within the Command Group. The RC 292 antenna was used to maintain communication with Higher Echelon at all Command Post positions.

2. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Warfare

a. There was no use of any equipment peculiar to CBR warfare.

b. All major items of CBR equipment are on hand.

c. Significant Events

(1) At 171700H, Company G received two incoming rounds containing gas similar to Chloroacetophenone or O-Chlorobenzylmalononitrile.

(2) On 18 May Battalion received 1,200 gas masks at DONG HA.

3. Training

a. The following training was conducted.

(1) Two (2) staff NCO's attended Personal Response School conducted by 3d Marine Division.

(2) Driver Training was conducted by the Motor Transport Section of H&S Company. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by all companies.

4. Significant Events. Significant events pertaining to the period 1 - 31 May 1967.

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EVENT

1 May 1967 At 1200H, Command Group "B" and Company G and H OPCON to 4th Marines.

Ref: Annex "A"

2 May 1967 At 0810H, Company G machine gun team moving from their night position to another nearby position at YD 522180 tripped an unknown explosive device in a well camouflaged hole resulting in 5 USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "A"

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2 May 1967

At 1000H, Company F located two A/A firing positions at YD 533196. Also found four bomb shelters in area. No sign of recent use; area heavily bombed and burned out.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1115H, Command Group "B", Company G and H OPCON to 2/26.

Ref: Annex "A"

3 May 1967

At 0930H, Command Group "B" received 8 rounds of sniper fire from side of mountain during helo landing at YD 553220. Air-strike called, sniper fire ceased.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 2100H, Company G squad size ambush took 2 VC under fire with SAF at YD 537244. One VC confirmed WIA, area searched at first light with negative results.

Ref: Annex "A"

4 May 1967

At 1014H, Company H executed emergency medevac for 3 USMC WIA. WIA's were a result of a booby trap at YD 517266.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1800H, Command Group "B" Company G and Company H returned to 4th Marines perimeter. Assumed OPCON of E/2/4.

Ref: Annex "A"

5 May 1967

At 0021H, Company F located one bunker 8x6x5 feet under construction. One bunker covered with logs and leaves. Both bunkers destroyed at YD 565214.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1040H, Company F point man received SAF from 3 VC at YD 555307. Returned fire and searched area with negative results.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1400H, Company G and H 2/26 and Company E/2/4 OPCON to 2/9.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1515H, Company E received 8-10 rounds sniper fire from right flank at YD 533257 causing 2 WIA USMC. Returned 250 5.56mm and 20 60mm rounds in area of snipers.

Ref: Annex "A"

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At 1530H, Company F received 8 rounds SAF from YD 473418. Returned fire with 100 rounds of 7.62 and 2 - 3.5 rockets. Incoming fire ceased.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1320H, Company F spotted 9 VC, 4 of which were carrying weapons. Fired M-79 and small arms. VC broke to east and west. While searching area saw 1 VC swimming across stream fired upon same observed VC to disappear. Large quantities of blood found in area. Resulting in 3 VC KIA.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1830H, man in Company F squad patrol tripped booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA. WIA medevaced.

Ref: Annex "A"

9 May 1967 At 0050H, Company E, 4th Marines received 30 rounds incoming mortar fire. Received 2 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 81mm and 105mm.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1300H, Company F patrol found one M1A2 grenade launcher adapter, 20 rounds .45 cal ammo and 40 rounds .30 cal ammo in hut occupied by Vietnamese male, age 55. Male taken to Company F CP as detainee.

Ref: Annex "A"

10 May 1967 At 0634H, Company F patrol searched house at YD 435327 and captured one male Vietnamese age about 25. Detainee has no ID. Will be taken to CP.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 0640H, Company F sweeping force moving west along trail when 2 VC fired on point at YD 435377. Returned fire with small arms, M-79 and 3.5 rockets. One USMC was WIA and medevaced.

Ref: Annex "A"

0910H, Company F blocking force spotted 3 VC across river at YD 444387. Fired and observed one to fall. One USMC drowned while pursuing VC into river.

Ref: Annex "A"

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6 May 1967

At 1100H, assumed OPCON E/2/4, H/2/26 and G/2/26. 2d Bn, 26th Marines relieved 2nd Bn, 9th Marines of 4th Marines perimeter security.

Ref: Annex "A"

7 May 1967

At 1800H, Company H found ChiCom grenade boobytrap. Booby trap, was not camouflaged and had trip wire attached.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 2210H, 4th Marines complex received 21 rounds of 3 incoming mortars. All rounds landed outside of perimeter wire, resulting in one USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "A"

8 May 1967

At 0702H, Company E/2/26 found booby trap 15" long holding 20 lbs of explosive. Booby trap had pressure type firing device buried in road at YD 401468. Booby trap blown in place.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 0930H, Company E spotted 5-8 Vietnamese at YD 381409, when told to stop they ran. Fired on and observed two to fall. Because of mission and size of unit further exploration was not followed. Results 2 VC KIA (P).

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1000H, Company F blocking force received sniper fire from one VC at YD 496424. Returned fire with arty resulting in one VC KIA(P).

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1100H, Company F made contact with 25-30 VC at YD 486435. Received approximately 500 rounds SAF, returned with 5.56mm, 7.72mm and 3.5 rockets. VC broke contact leaving two dead. Resulting in 2 VC KIA.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1120H Company F captured one VC with weapon at YD 456353. VC taken to collection point.

Ref: Annex "A"

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10 May 1967

At 1020H, Company F blocking force received one sniper round wounding one USMC. Blocking force returned fire with unknown results.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1605H, Company F blocking force received sniper fire at YD 456390. Called arty mission with good target coverage. Heard loud screaming after shelling.

Ref: Annex "A"

11 May 1967

At 0815H, a man from Company F patrol stepped in hole and exploded booby trap at YD 454384. Man wounded in right hand.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 0855H, a man from Company F stepped in punji pit wounding self in left leg.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 0930H, Company F sweeping force detained nine males at YD 457382. Detainees taken to collection point.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1045H, Company F sweeping force search house at YD 434372 and found 3 packs, 4 canteens, 3 ponchos, NVA uniforms, 9mm rounds .30 cal rounds, medical supplies and NVA documents. Sent same to S-2.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1425H, Company F picked up one detainee at YD 484372. Detainee has symptoms of rabies. Taken to BAS.

Ref: Annex "A"

12 May 1967

At 1204H, Company H point man tripped booby trap at YD 585264 resulting in five USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1230H, Company E, 4th Marines picked up three detainees at YD 363440. Detainees taken to CP.

Ref: Annex "A"

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13 May 1967 At 1105H, man from Company E tripped 155mm booby trap at YD 579264. Man was DOW before reaching BAS.

Ref: Annex "A"

14 May 1967 At 0725H, Company E, 4th Marines Engineer Team found two homemade anti-personnel mines at YD 384438 with pull-release firing devices. Mines disarmed and turned into Division Engineers.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1200H, chopped OPCON E/2/4 to 9th Marines.

Ref: Annex "A"

15 May 1967 At 0800H, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines departed 4th Marines CP for 9th Marines operating area. 2nd Plt, Company H OPCON 4th Marines.

Ref: Annex "A"

At 1600H, Battalion moved to Prairie IV Operating Area.

Ref: Annex "C"

16 May 1967 At 0805H, tank hit mine resulting in one USMC KIA.

Ref: Annex "C"

At 1300H, Company F and Command Group "B" received heavy SAF from estimated reinforced NVA Company in the general area of YD 146700 to YD 147690. The first plt, Company F remained in contact. At 1415H Company G moved up and counter-attacked. Arty and air missions were used until 1625H. The result of this action was 15 USMC KIA, 60 USMC WIA, 79 NVA KIA(C) and 7 NVA KIA(P).

Ref: Annex "C"

17 May 1967 At 170001 H, Operation Hickory commences and Operation Prairie IV terminates.

Ref: Annex "C"

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At 0530H, Company G heard noise in brush at YD 143692. Fired approximately 100 rounds 5.56mm resulting in 2 NVA KIA(C).

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0700H, Company H point tripped ChiCom booby trap wounding two USMC.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1515H, Company H spotted one NVA at YD 144703. Fired two rounds SAF, man fell and crawled into brush. Checked area with negative results.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1600H, Battalion CP received 44 rounds of 82mm rounds wounding 20 USMC including Battalion Commander. Returned fire with 81mm mortars.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1630H, Company F received approximately 25 rounds of 82 mortar. Also received 2 surface to surface rockets. Returned fire with 90mm, 81mm, 60mm, .50 cal and .30 cal. Company F received 11 WIA in this action.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1700H, Company G at YD 134701 came under intense SAF and mortar attack from front and left flank. Two incoming rounds were gas similar to CN or C6. Returned fire with 81mm counter mortar and SAF. Captured one heavy machinegun, one automatic rifle, one semi-automatic rifle, 6 Chicom grenades and miscellaneous equipment. There were 2 USMC KIA, 25 USMC WIA, 8 NVA KIA(C) and 7 NVA(P) in this action.

Ref: "B"

At 1715H, Company F at YD 139706 received 8 82mm mortar rounds and 20 SA sniper fire from YD 141706. Returned fire with 2 106mm rounds, 16 M-79 rounds and 450 SA rounds. Observed direct hit with 106mm rounds. Two NVA was killed in this action.

REF: Annex "B"

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At 1800H, Battalion CP at YD 138705 received 35 rounds of 82mm mortar. Returned fire with 81mm counter-mortar attack. Six USMC were WIA in this action.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2045H, Company G observed 4 NVA approaching perimeter at YD 135712. Took NVA underfire resulting in 2 NVA KIA(C), 2 NVA KIA(P) and capturing one machinegun, one 57mm RR tripod, one 57mm RR round, one anti-tank mine and 7 Chicom grenades.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2345H, until 180015 Battalion CP received approximately 200 rds of 82mm mortar rounds at YD 138705. Returned fire with 81mm and arty missions. Battalion CP received 13 WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

18 May 1967 At 0930H, Company F at YD 138705 received 15 to 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the northwest. Returned fire with 81mm counter-mortar attack. Company F received 2 KIA's and 5 WIA's in this contact. Ref: Annex "B"

At 0950H, Company E and G spotted 20-25 NVA running across at YD 134714. Both companies received very heavy SAF. A tank moving with Company E received one rocket round. Both companies in contact at this time. Ref: Annex "B"

At 1135H, Company H received SAF from their west when helo attempted to land. Company H received one WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1225H, Company H received 10 82mm mortars, and was engaged in fire fight with an estimated squad of NVA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1630H, Company G received 6 rounds 82mm mortar at YD 130370 while moving west. Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm mortars. Company G received 12 USMC WIA in this action.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2000H, Company E at YD 135712 received 2 rocket rounds and a large volume of SAF from the NE resulting in 14 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm counter-mortar fire and arty mission.

Ref: Annex "B"

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18 May 1967 At 2022H, Company H LP sighted 2 NVA firing on same, 1 enemy KIA(C); and capturing one automatic weapon.

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Ref: Annex "B"

At 2025H, Company H LP observed 2 NVA in front of his position at YD 144703. Fired upon NVA with SAF and M-79. Resulting in two NVA KIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

19 May 1967 At 0010H, recapitulation of casualties for 18 May 1967 is 3 USMC KIA, 104 USMC WIA, and 3 NVA KIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0720H, Company E received one arty round from unknown direction. Received one USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0800H, Company G received ten 60mm mortar rounds at YD 123716. Company G received 16 WIA. While moving through position to evacuate WIA Company G found 16 fresh graves with 2 NVA in each.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0850H, Company G received 15-20 82mm mortar rounds wounding 18 USMC and one female correspondent. Returned fire with unknown results.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1015H, Company E found 6 bunkers at YD 124726. While searching bunkers killed one NVA and captured one bolt action rifle and one demo kit.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1145H, ontos moving north with Company H hit AT mine at YD 125714. Ontos completely destroyed. One USMC was KIA and 7 USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1340H, Company E at YD 123730 found 10 bunkers, 44 82mm mortar rounds, 1 portable flame thrower with gun and nozzle, 5 cans of fuses for 82mm mortars, 1 can of black powder, .45 cal rounds, Chicom grenades, 1 US .30 cal machinegun with extra barrel, 50 lbs of rice, assorted personnel gear and two dead NVA. Questioned three local Vietnamese in area with negative results.

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 1200H Company H man detonated a Chicom booby trap at YD 118716, two USMC were WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1520H W&S Company found one Chicom light machine gun with two drum type magazines, one rear barrel from a soviet 82mm Recoiless Rifle and two dead NVA who had been dead for about 24 hours.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1850H Company G received 30 rounds of 105mm arty from enemy arty position at YD 124775. Called arty mission and air strike. AO reported 2 guns knocked out and 3 damaged also reported 10 NVA KIA by air and 15 NVA KIA by arty.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2300H W&S Company man heard noise at YD 133719. Man threw frag grenade wounding one USMC from fragments of grenade.

Ref: Annex "B"

20 May 1967 At 0115H Company E received one incoming round of undetermine caliber. One USMC was WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0955H Battalion CP received two rounds sniper fire. One USN was WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1200H Company H discovered a bomb shelter and bunker complex throughout the northern portion of Thon An Tha. Search of area revield a large amount of assorted ammo and equipment. Papers and documents were found and turned into Battalion S-2. All equipment destroyed except 12 82mm mortar rounds.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1400H Company G observed NVA arty position at YD 109783 firing on Con Thien. Requested arty mission. Mission delayed due to friendly aircraft in area. Mission fired at 1715H with excellent target coverage.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1600H W&S Company found one NVA KIA with weapon at YD 133710.

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 1655H E Company apprehended three local Vietnamese at YD 123730. Detainees taken to collection point by helo.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2020H Company F at YD 127723 received 8 rounds 82mm mortar from YD 126722. Returned fire with arty mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2400H picked up 180 NVA KIA (Prob) as result of action from 17 May 1967.

Ref: Annex "B"

21 May 1967 At 0735H all 106's from ONTOS which hit mine on 19 May have been salvaged and sent out on resupply chopper along with a WIA who was a result of AT mine.

Ref: Annex "B"

AT 0900H Company H found a 15 foot hole with a 15" angle. Possible enemy missile launch site.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0945H Company F found a two man bunker complex at YD 127736. Complex destroyed.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1300H Company H at YD 112722 heard enemy arty battery firing from a 240 azimuth. Arty mission was called with good target coverage. Results unknown.

Ref: Annex "B"

AT 1600H two helos on resupply received automatic weapon fire at YD 117733. Air strike and arty mission called in with good target coverage. Results unknown.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2045H Company F searching Hill 48 at YD 113733 found 75 bunkers and various NVA equipment. Also found 20 bunkers enroute to Hill 48 from the West.

22 May 1967 At 0420H Company G LP heard and saw movement North of their position at YD 119719. LP received one frag grenade wounding one USMC. Returned fire with SAF and M-26 Frag grenades. Search at first light revealed large amounts of blood. One NVA was KIA (prob).

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 0930H Company E found one dead NVA killed by shrapnel in chest at YD 123722.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1045H Company E patrol at YD 124724 killed one NVA with SAF. NVA had a very large amount of equipment for one man.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1105H Company H at YD 104723 found 5 bomb shelters with fighting positions on top. Fighting positions had loose 82mm mortar rounds and several pieces of equipment that appeared to be a rocket launcher. Equipment was sent to Battalion S-2.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1230H Company H at YD 105722 found several fiberboard tubes with electrical divices and circular metal braces for rocket pad or launcher. All gear taken to Battalion rear.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1310H Company H while searching house at YD 103722 found documents and diagrams. Writing was in chinese. All items sent to rear on resupply helo.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2330H Company G received one round of friendly Arty fire at YD 093716. One man WIA from short round.

Ref: Annex "B"

23 May 1967 At 0905H Company F found rice bin in well camouflaged area at YD 115722. Approximately 1,100 pounds in weight, Rice turned in to Battalion S-2.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1400H Company H discovered 3 bomb shelters 6x4x4 ft. While searching shelters found 2 Chicom grenades, 3 boxes TNT and assorted NVA equipment.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1430H Company H apprehended one male and two females at YD 110725. Detainees taken to rear under guard. Male had 57,700 piasters in North Vietnamese currency.

Ref Annex "B"

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At 1630H Company H at YD 117721 found NVA clothing, 4 Chicom grenades and 6 bottles of American penicillin. Destroyed all equipment.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1645 H at YD 115721 Company F found a NVA base camp. Search of area revealed numerous huts, bunkers, trench lines and assorted NVA equipment. Destroyed huts, bunkers and NVA equipment. Papers and documents sent to rear.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1920H Company H man detonated booby trap at YD 104720. One USMC was WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

24 May 1967 At 0315H Company G received one grenade at YD 095713, resulting in one USMC WIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1500H Company E man walked on edge of perimeter, fell into punji pit wounding self in left hand.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1600H Company H found bunker and fighting hole complex at YD 071697. Bunkers and fighting holes destroyed.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1715H spotted one NVA at YD 071697. Fired two rounds SAF with unknown results.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2245H Company G at YD 093687 received three rounds of artillery, estimated to be 105mm from a 165 azimuth. There were no casualties.

Ref: Annex "B"

25 May 1967 At 0350H Company G at YD 087686 received 40 to 50 rounds of 60mm mortar. Called Arty mission with unknown results.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0615H Company H made contact with a estimated reinforced NVA Company at YD 069696. The enemy was well dug-in, bunkers and fighting positions. The result of this action was 3 friendly KIA, 29 friendly WIA, 26 NVA KIA (conf) and 15 NVA KIA (prob).

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 0750H Battalion received 12 rocket rounds between Company G and battalion CP at YD 093687. Three USMC were WIA. Air strikes were called at enemy positions with good target coverage.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 0840H Company H still in contact at YD 061690. Air strike called through out morning.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1230H H&S company man received a concussion from blast of 81mm mortar round leaving tube.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1445H Company H engaged an estimated NVA battalion (-) in bunkers and fighting holes at YD 068697. At 1645H Company K 3d Battalion, 4th Marines changed OPCON to 2d Battalion, 26th Marines and moved to company H right flank in support of Company H. Company H and K withdrew under Arty and air strike to reorganize and medevac. The result of this action was 15 NVA KIA (conf), 22 NVA KIA (prob), 60 friendly WIA and 9 friendly KIA.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1822H Company H at YD 069705 heard enemy Arty battery at a 270 azimuth from their position, called Arty mission with unknown results.

26 May 1967 At 1015 H Recon helo was shot down at YD 053709. Battalion Commander, Battalion XO, Company E and K Commanding Officers aboard. There were 4 USMC WIA in this incident. Battalion Commander WIA, Battalion XO took command at this time.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1000H Company H and K OPCON to 3rd Bn. 4th Marines

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1728H Company E received 16 NVA rockets 600 meters east of their position at YD 078670. Estimated rockets to be 140mm coming from YD 055688. Called 81mm mortar and arty missions. Check area with negative results.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1830H Company G reported a unknown number of NVA firing at helo YD 096608. Called arty mission and sent two tanks with one platoon to check area. Checked out area with negative results.

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 2225H Company F man was unloading .45 Cal pistol when he accidentally shot self in leg.

Ref: Annex "B"

27 May 1967 At 1000H New Battalion Commander takes command.

Ref: Annex "B"

1400H Company E received a short 81mm round from Battalion CP. One USMC was WIA as a result.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1800H Company E and F searching out hill 117 at YD 067699 found more than 40 log and dirt bunkers, most of them destroyed by air and arty missions, telephone lines running along trails, one M-6 MG spare barrel, six M-16 Rifles, one M-79, and two M-72. Area received excellent coverage by air and arty missions. Could smell dead bodies under rubble but found none.

Ref: Annex "B"

28 May 1967 At 0750H Company F at YD 067699 found 2 anti-aircraft positions with 37mm shell casings in positions. Trench connects positions with dirt and log bunkers. One position received direct hit from either arty or air. Position had stench of dead persons.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1130H Company F at YD 071696 found 90 large bunkers emplaced in depth on both sides of trail running south. Average size was 6X1X1 feet. Bunkers constructed within the last week. Also found NVA equipment, Chicom 7.62 linked ammo, 3 Chicom magazines for Soviet AK-47, assorted medical gear and one NVA bloody Uniform. One NVA KIA (prob) was claimed. Bunkers were destroyed.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1605H Company F at YD 070646 received two sniper rounds from one NVA at YD 065693. Returned fire with SA and observed sniper to fall from tree. Unable to recover body as of friendly action in area.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 1900H-Battalion CP received 10 rounds of 140mm rockets from 055686. Fired 81mm and arty mission. Results unknown.

Ref: Annex "B"

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At 1948H Company F at YD 069700 heard enemy rockets fire toward Con Thien. Called arty mission and air mission. Observed secondary explosions at YD 046697.

Ref: Annex "B"

At 2400H Operation Hickory completed. Operation Prairie IV recommences.

Ref: Annex "B"

29 May 1967 At 0150H Company H security in NW sector of Battalion C^o - heard noise to front, suspected probe. Threw one frag M-26 grenade and fired 3 rounds SA. Noise ceased.

Ref: Annex "C"

At 1600H Company H found 2 complexes of spider traps at YD 077676 and YD 075675. Traps about 1 month old.

Ref: Annex "C"

At 1715H Company H found one large Russian made guided missile at YD 072705. Size of missile is 10' long and 3' in diameter, weight approximately 500 pounds. Outer casing broken revealing internal mechanism which appears intact. Head of missile is missing.

Ref: Annex "C"

At 1722H Company F man received injury to back while destroying bunkers. WIA was medevaced.

Ref: Annex "C"

30 May 1967 At 1800H Company H at YD 067671 found a aiming stake made from two small trees. Also found two strands of comm wire running southeast. Aiming stake dismantled and comm wire cut.

Ref: Annex "C"

31 May 1967 At 0440H Company G at YD 070635 tripped a claymore type explosive device. Appears to have trip wire as method to initial detonation. One USMC was KIA and 4 USMC were WIA.

Ref: Annex "C"

At 1525H Company G man tripped a Chicom grenade booby trap. Grenade camouflaged by tall grass. Two USMC were WIA.

Ref: Annex "C"

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FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION1. ARTILLERY UNITS PROVIDING SUPPORT/REINFORCING FIRES

a. Direct Support:

- (1) "B" Btry 1st Bn, 13th Marines
- (2) "C" Btry 1st Bn, 12th Marines

b. General Support:

- (1) 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) 1st Pn, 12th Marines (Rein)
- (3) 175mm SP Battery (U.S. Army)

2. NAVAL SHIPS PROVIDING NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: None3. TYPE AND NUMBER OF MISSIONS FIRED

a. Artillery

- (1) Observed Missions - 76
- (2) Unobserved Missions - 21
- (3) H&I Fires - 1180
- (4) Group Fires - None
- (5) Neutralization Fires - 18
- (6) Prep Fires - 61
- (7) Training/Practice missions - None
- (8) Defensive Fires - 26
- (9) Registrations - None

b. Naval Gunfire: None

c. 81mm Mortars

- (1) Observed Missions - 220
- (2) Unobserved Missions - None
- (3) H&I Fires - 4000
- (4) Group Fires - None
- (5) Neutralization Fires - 40
- (6) Prep Fires - 120
- (7) Training/Practice missions - 60
- (8) Total - 4220

d. 106mm Recoilless Rifle

- (1) Observed Missions - None
- (2) Unobserved Missions - None
- (3) H&I Fires - 180

e. 60mm Mortars: Data not available.

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4. AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE BY TYPE AND CALIBER (The following figures are approximate as part of our records were lost in a mortar attack and subsequent medevacs)

a. Artillery

(1) 105mm Howitzer

HE - 15,000
WP - 145
ILL - 63
SMK - 4

(2) 155mm Howitzer

HE - 500
WP - 15

(3) 8" SP Gun and 175 SP Gun (U.S. Army)

Data not available

b. 81mm Mortars

HE (med) - 3650
HE (light) - 3300
ILL - 150
WP - 70

c. 106mm (ONTOS)

HEPT - 180
HEAT - None

d. Naval Gun Fire: None

5. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- a. 1.- 15 May, participated in Operation Shawnee.
- b. 15.- 16 May, participated in Operation Prairie IV.
- c. 17 - 28 May, participated in Operation Hickory.
- d. 29 May - 31 May participated in Operation Prairie IV.
- e. Several missions were fired on VC and NVA, but due to time lapses from the time that the mission was shot until the area could be surveyed was such that any casualties that were produced from our missions were generally evacuated by their comrades before we could get a good count on enemy dead and wounded.

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- f. 19 May - A NVA Artillery Battery was fired upon by our F.O. and an A.O. surveillance was 15 KIA by Artillery and 10 KIA by air, 2 guns destroyed and 3 heavily damaged.
- g. Throughout Operations Prairie IV and Hickory several counter-mortar and counter-rocket missions were fired with negative surveillance, but at times secondary explosions were observed and in general much damage was done by our missions.
- h. The artillery support given 2/26 on Operation Prairie IV and Hickory was outstanding. A lot of marines lives were saved by the proper and timely use of our supporting arms.

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT

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1. Combat Air Support

a. Close Air Support and daily air logistics was supplied by the squadrons of the 1st Marine Air Wing.

b. Events During Period 1 May to 15 May 1967

(1) 3 May - Command Group Bravo, Companies G and H were helo lifted by (4) CH-46's from YD 522173 to YD 553220.

(2) 5 May - H and E Companies were taken under sniper fire. H Company FAC called in UH-1E gunship on air strike; firing stopped after strike.

(3) 9 May - Sparrow Hawk helolifted by 5 UH-34's from 4th Marine CP to YD 580267.

(4) From 5 May until 15 May 2/26 was utilized as perimeter defense within perimeter of 4th Marines. Very little utilization of air during this period.

c. Events During Period 16 May to 31 May 1967

(1) 16 May - 1230H at coordinates YD 144701 F Co FAC called in through AO two (2) flights of A-4's. The target was enemy fortified positions, automatic weapons and mortar. The flights covered 90% of the target; coordination with the AO was conducted through 14 Actual with excellent response. Results of air strike are unknown. 29 Medevacs were extracted throughout the day, resulting in one UH-34 being shot down by SAF. Emergency resupply was inserted that night by use of strobe lights as references.

(2) 16 May - 1430H coordinates YD 143694, Co G received five (5) casualties resulting from NVA SAF, mortar and weapons fire; due to heavy contact in vicinity Medevacs had to be extracted on tracked vehicles vice helicopters. UH-34's transported an emergency resupply of ammo into vic YD 143694 after dark with only flashlights to direct them into a very small LZ. The UH-34's did a very commendable job.

(3) 16 May - 1300-1500H at coordinates YD 146700 to YD 147690 an AO was on station with fixed wing to conduct continuous airstrikes in support of Co's F and G, both of which was receiving large amounts of incoming fire. UH-1E gunships supplimented when fixed wing was not available. Medevacs were conducted with no ensuing problems. UH-34's conducted emergency resupplies throughout the evening.

(4) 17 May - Co G resumed heavy contact in vic YD 141703, taking 33 casualties. Medevacs were conducted to all companies in expeditious and professional manner.

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(5) 18 May - Co G came under a concentrated NVA mortar barrage. Thru coordination between 1st Aerial, Company G FAC and AO, a fix in vicinity of YD 133712 was taken; with a flight of A-1's being called in to expend bombs and napalm on enemy positions; the fire ceased after strike. Company G received 16 casualties. Company G FAC coordinated the Medevac shortly after 1st barrage with UH-34's. The area of the LZ was not secure as seconds after liftoff another mortar barrage followed. Resupply was uneventful. LZ secure by that time.

(6) 18 May - Co E received two (2) incoming rocket rounds, eight (8) 82mm rds and SAF. ALO had AO on station with fixed wing thru coordination with Co E FAC the A.O. deployed fixed wing into target area with bombs and napalm resulting in good area coverage, BDA unknown. Medevacs were conducted quickly with no problems.

(7) 18 May - Co F conducted 7 Medevacs throughout the day with satisfactory service being provided.

(8) 19 May - ALO secured AO with fixed wing to strike NVA artillery positions at YD 124775. Bombs covered area well with AO reporting a BDA of 2 guns destroyed and probably 3 others damaged. Enemy casualties 10 KIA. Airstrikes were conducted throughout the day on objectives in assigned ZOA.

(8) 19 May - Co G utilized UH-34's to extract 5 Medevacs.

(9) 20 May - ALO conducted an airstrike at location YD 114734, confirmed NVA troops and bunkers. Two flights of A-1's were utilized expending napalm, 250/500 bombs. BDA 73 bunkers combined NVA living, supply, mortar and AA positions were destroyed or damaged. NVA casualty count not available.

(10) 20 May - Airstrikes were conducted throughout the day on objective in ZOA.

(11) 21 May - Multi flights of A-1's, F-4's and F-8's were called in through coordinated efforts of the ALO and AO on station, to cover area YD 113733 with napalm and bombs, after 2 CH-46 received AWF from that area. BDA was 45 bunker destroyed.

(12) 22 May - 2nd Bn, 26th Marines CO employed UH1E for routine recon flight. Co H FAC utilized AO on station for recon of objectives in assigned ZOA.

(13) 23 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

(14) 24 May - Co F employed UH-1E for routine recon flight at request of Co F CO.

(15) 25 May - 0700 Co H coordinated with AO to conduct air strikes in vic of Hill 117. (YD 069698). Targets were enemy bunkers, troops and mortar positions. Target coverage was excellent 85/90% with 13 KIA, 30 KIAP and estimated 25 bunkers destroyed. 250/500 lb bombs, napalm, 20 mm and rockets were employed against positions.

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(16) 25 May - 1500H Co H FAC called for airstrike in vic YD 069678. AO on station controlled strike, utilizing 500 lb bombs, napalm and rockets against NVA bunker and troops; 80/90% area coverage with 12 KIA and 25 KIAP.

(17) 26 May - 14 Actual through Co H FAC and AO coordinated airstrikes, throughout morning, on troops, bunkers and mortar positions, at coordinates YD 070695; ordinance used 250/500/750 lb bombs and napalm. BDA estimated 50 bunkers destroyed or damaged with 50 KIAP NVA.

(18) 26 May - 1015H UH-1E C&C aircraft carrying 2nd Bn, 26th Marines Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Co H CO, and 3d Bn, 4th Marines Co K CO was shot down at coordinate YD 077708 vic of liftoff from Co H position. Co H FAC observed and immediately diverted AO and fixed wing to position; chase UH-34 retrieved passengers and diverted to DONG HA. Airstrikes hit area of enemy fire with 500/750/1000 lb bombs, napalm and strafing. 100% of area was covered. Position of AW site believed to be destroyed.

(19) 26 May - 2300H, Co F called for emergency Medevac; UH-34 settled into LZ by aid of flashlight, no difficulties were encountered.

(20) 27 May - Co F FAC conducted an airstrike on 6-10 rocket sites, at coordinates YD 055700. One flight of F-8's dropped two 2000 lb bombs - one bomb was direct hit, probable two (2) positions destroyed. AO directed arty on position prior to airstrike.

(21) 27 May - Companies E and F located in close enough proximity utilized the same LZ for resupply. The zone was secure with friendly troops in all quadrants. The helo refused to settle into LZ and subsequently unloaded supplies while hovering approx 8' to 10' off the ground, resulting in loss of over 1/2 the resupply water; the FAC operator informed pilot of situation with no success.

(22) 28 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

(23) 29 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

(24) 30 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

(25) 31 May - 2 emergency and 3 priority Medevacs utilizing 1 UH-34 was required.

2. Summary

a. Standard method of control of frequencies while in field; utilization of assigned frequencies as listed in COI for TACP, resupply Medevacs, CAS is necessary to avoid the confusion of trying to run all phases of air support on one TACP frequency; as the 2nd Bn, 26th Marines ALO experienced during operation Hickory. OP orders should outline frequency assignments for air support and logistics relative to that operation area, thereby establishing a net structure by which all units would familiarize themselves with prior to the operation.

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b. During operation Hickory resupply and Medevac helicopters were constantly interfering with artillery preps or CAS strikes. Coordinating units should advise helo's moving toward most forward ground or point unit best avenue of approach so as not to interfere with fire activities forward of front line units. Striking the enemy when in the open and prepping an objective prior to unit advance is of primary concern; interference by a resupply or Medevac helo only causes a loss of the element of surprise when enemy troops are caught in open, and possible incomplete preparatory fire on objective. Helo pilot should coordinate with DASC, ground units or AO on station to provide him with direction to parallel ZOA and best rear line avenue of approach. During operation Hickory units at times were never advised of helo's ETA, thereby allowing a situation as previously described to develop, because of the unsuspected arrival of the helo over area.

c. Closer coordination and advisory between LSA and resupply helicopters when 1 helo is loaded with mixed cargo, resulting in deposit at two different LZ's. LSA should advise pilot what units cargo is aboard and necessity for contacting the two units being resupplied.

d. Utilization of RT10 or PRC-41 on a preset frequency assigned to a battalion for the conduct of CAS; each battalion should be assigned a different CAS frequency to operate on, to avoid interfering and crowding one frequency. PRC-41 is heavy, bulky, consequently its use is limited. When UHF is not made available to TACP teams working in the field it greatly reduces their effectiveness and detracts from the originally conceived mission of the FAC in the field. Depending on liaison or media for relay is not the most effective means of achieving our objective when airstrikes in close proximity of troops is necessary - direct communication from ground (controller) and strike aircraft is a must. Relaying the instructions through AO in event ground FAC is controlling only allows for human error factor involving misinterpretation and incorrect relay of instructions from ground. Aircraft have dropped ordnance in area of friendlies in the past and it will happen in the future when direct line communication has not been established.

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COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

1. Communication platoon of this unit installed, operated and maintained communications for this unit during operations Shawnee, Hickory, and Prairie IV.

a. Wire

(1) Provided normal internal wire communications for the rear command post during the above operations.

b. Radio

(1) During the above mentioned operations, radio has been the primary means of communications.

(2) Radio set AN/PRC-25 continues to provide excellent communications. However, the difficulty in obtaining handsets, antennas, and antenna bases is now a critical problem.

c. Message Center

(1) No major problems

d. No radio relay used

e. Maintenance and supply

(1) The following combat essential equipment is deadlined:

(a)	TT-4A	2
(b)	AN/TGC-14	1
(c)	AN/MRC-109	1 (Evacuated)
(d)	AN/PRC-25	44
(e)	AN/MRC-83	2
(f)	AN/TPS-21	2
(g)	AN/MRC-87	1

f. Problem areas

(1) Personnel Shortages

(a)	2591 (E-8)	1
(b)	2511 (E-5)	1
(c)	2822	2
(d)	2867	1
(e)	1341	1

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MEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT (Surg)

- A. Name of Surgeon : Peyton A. EGGLESTON LT MC USNR
- B. Significant Events : Nothing of significance to report.
- C. Number of Battle Casualties: 04 (BAS Forward 45)
- (1) Two were shrapnel type wounds
 - (2) Two were from enemy sniper rounds
- D. Number of Non-Battle Patients treated : 1016
- (1) Admissions to BAS 17
 - (2) Emergency treatment
 - (a) Heat casualties 04
 - (b) Lacerations 32
 - (c) Trauma 18
 - (d) Burns 04
- E. (3) Number of Consultations to 3rd Med Bn 12
- (4) Cases of significant Diseases in the area
- (a) Malaria 02
 - (b) Hookworm 00
 - (c) Bacillary Dysentery 118
- (5) Cases of Venereal Disease 04
- (a) Acquired Out of Country 04
 - (b) Acquired in country 00
- E. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation
- (1) Number of Innoculations 00
 - (2) Other : The use of mosquito repellent is in effect. All personnel are participating in the malaria prophylaxis program weekly, on Sundays, and have received instructions in Personal Hygiene .

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F. Civil Affairs Medical Support Rendered :

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- (1) Number treated 200
- (2) Referrals for corrective Surgery 00

The Battalion Surgeon made two MedCap trips on the 10th of May and again on the 12th of May into the village of Phong Dien . A deworming treatment and vitamin therapy is automatically started on all local people seen .

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DECLASSIFIED**CIVIL AFFAIRS/MILITARY GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY RELATIONS****1. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations**

a. Mission. To conduct a civic action program that will enhance the prestige of the civil government and to conduct psychological operations to further the efforts of the Government of Vietnam in re-establishing its effective control over the people.

b. Civic Action Projects and Operations for May 1967. Due to tactical operations of this unit during the month the Civic Action Program was limited to the period 6-14 May.. During this time there were several contacts made between the District Chief of Phong Dien and Battalion Civil Affairs Officer. A civic action project was started in that this unit would construct seven bulletin boards and the District Chief would have them installed and maintained. The boards were to be placed in the local hamlets. This project was turned over to the 4th Marines S-5 when this unit left the area before it was completed.

c. Psychological Operation for May 1967

- (1) 11,340 leaflets distributed hand to hand.
- (2) 2,455 newspapers distributed hand to hand.

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CHAPLAIN SUPPORT

1. Chaplain Support

a. Name of Chaplain: Hebert W. BOLLES

b. Number of Services and type

- (1) Battalion Services. a - Protestant Divine Services
Attendance: 41
b - Episcopal Holy Communion
Attendance: 19
- (2) Service in other Commands. a - Memorial Service
Attendance: 89
b - Episcopal Holy Communion
Attendance: 45

c. Number of personnel receiving counseling: Twenty-three

d. Significant activities. Literally hundreds of calls, visits, contacts with the casualties of Operation HICKORY, both our Battalion and others. General assistance with the wounded at D-Med, DONG HA. Holy Unction administered 28 times.

e. Facilities. Chapel facilities and transportation most practical.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ ANNEX A: COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT (OPERATION SHAWNEE)
- ✓ ANNEX B: COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT (OPERATION HICKORY)
- ✓ ANNEX C: 3D MARINES, 9TH MARINES SITREP's
*(C-1, 3d Marine SITREP, 157-168, PRAIRIE III;
C-2, 9th Marine SITREP, 103-108, PRAIRIE IV)*
- ✓ ANNEX D: 2D BATTALION 26TH MARINES INTELLIGENCE OVERLAY
- ✓ ANNEX E: MAPS: VIETNAM, SERIES 7014, SHEETS 6342 I,
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HEADQUARTERS
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines
3rd Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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3/CWF/ehm -
14 June 1967

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Attn: G-3)
Via: Commanding Officer, 4th Marines
Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report
Ref: (a) 4th Mar Operation Plan 16-67 DTG 222330H April 67
(b) 4th Mar Msg 271310Z Apr 67; Frag Order 17-67
(c) 4th Mar Msg 031500Z May 67; w/Ch 1,2&3 Frag Order 15-67
(d) 4th Mar Msg 130520Z May 67, Frag Order 19-67
(e) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS L7014, Sheets 6442II and III, 6460 II and III.

1. Code Name. Operation Shawnee, search and destroy
2. Dates of Operation. 22 April - 15 May 67
3. Location. Vic Dong C Puy (YD 479169) Hill 460 (YD 481145)
4. Control and Command Headquarters.

4th Marines (-) (Rein)	Col. A. THOMPSON
2nd Battalion, 26th Marines	LtCol. C. R. FIGARD
H&S Company	Capt. A. J. WALKER
Company E	Capt. F. D. FULFORD
Company F	Capt. G. E. FORTE
Company G	Capt. S. E. OOTS
Company H	Capt. J. J. ROEMAN

5. Task Organization. 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines

2nd Battalion (-) (Rein), 26th Marines

H&S Company (-)

Company E (Rein)

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Company F (Rein)

Company G (Rein)

Company H (Rein)

Det, 3rd Shore Party Battalion

2nd Platoon, Company B, 3rd Engineer Battalion

Det, (-) 7th ITT

6. Supporting ForcesA. Artillery

1. Battery B, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines located in vicinity of YD 538321 was in general support of the Battalion through out the whole operation.

B. Air Support

1. First Marine Aircraft Wing provided CAS/DAS support and helicopter support.

2. USAF provided Tac (A)/Fac for forces in operating area.

3. US Army Aviation provided aircraft with USMC aerial observers for TAC (a), visual recon and artillery spot.

7. IntelligenceA. Enemy Situation at Beginning of Operation

1. Company to battalion sized activity in the Regimental TAOR. Small sized company attacks on PF Out Post PK-17, also numerous threats of attacks on PF Out Posts. There were reports of the 800, 802, 804, 806, 810 and 2 unidentified battalions in the Regimental TAOR with the 6th Regiment Headquarters believed to be in base area 114. Also received numerous reports of rice caches, caves and bunkers in the area of operations.

B. Summary of Enemy Personnel and Equipment losses

1. KIA - 3

2. KIA (PROB) - 5

3. POW'S - 1

4. Detainees - 15

5. Weapons - 2

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C. Weather and Terrain

1. Low ground fog restricted resupply helicopters to late morning and early afternoon.

2. The operating area was predominately jungle covered mountains restricting movement to existing trails and in almost all cases, trails had to be cut through the undergrowth to facilitate movement. The slopes of hills range from gentle to steep, hills were separated by valleys and stream beds. Water was in abundance. Upon leaving the hills, the battalion moved through numerous rice paddies.

8. Mission. Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned AO to include VC base 114, in order to locate and destroy NVA/VC forces.

9. Concept of Operations. One platoon (Rein) was inserted at LZ Hawk for expansion of landing zone. On order the Battalion was inserted and moved to establish positions, Vic DONG C PUY (YD 479169) and Hill 460 (YD 481145) to establish blocking positions.

10. Execution. On 23 April Company E and 2 platoons from Company F were helo lifted to assigned positions. The remainder of the battalion was not lifted out due to weather and darkness.

At 241030 Command Group Alpha and Command Group Bravo, Companies G and H and the remainder of Company F were helo lifted out and units continued on assigned mission.

At 241105H Company H found one 500 lb bomb dud at YD 491151; bomb blown with 7½ lb C-4.

At 251105 Company G patrol found at YD 478148 3 houses 60 X 8 ft. wooden floors with mats, 2 bundles punji sticks, 2 monkey skeletons, 1 bottle medicine, 20 fighting holes from northwest to southwest and 30 animal pens, which have not been used in approximately 2 months. All houses and animal pens destroyed and punji sticks scattered.

At 261630H Company H located a patch of 10 punji stakes about 14" long sticking out of ground on trail Vic (YD 480137) resulted in two USMC WIA. Stakes destroyed.

At 270900H Company H found well defined trail from (YD 481145) south to (YD 477133), also 2 bomb shelters every 50 meters along trail from (YD 480136) to (YD 478133).

At 271832 Company F patrol at (YD 492162) made contact with 1 VC. VC broke contact with patrol, seen staggering, apparently wounded.

At 281300H Company E found 18 - 75mm Rds in house Vic (YD 483167) Engineers destroyed rounds.

At 281625 Company F found 2 Chicom grenades, one rain hat and VC Diary on trail Vic (YD 477177). Destroyed grenades and forwarded diary for evaluation at Regt.

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At 290930H, Company F point man at YD 500181 spotted 1 VC moving south on Trail. Point man fired 4 rounds S/A fire, VC fled north and left blood on trail, bloody pack and sandals. Rear point man at YD 500179 spotted one NVA on trail. NVA fired 1 SA round and one frag grenade. Rear point man fired 20 SA rds and one frag grenade. Received 6 frag grenades from the west and returned 6 M-79 rounds, 4 M-26 grenades and 100 rounds of S/A. There were 3 USMC WIA in this action.

At 291120H, Company F point man spotted 1 VC at YD 500180. Point man fired 5 rounds S/A at range of 30 meters hitting VC. VC ran into brush leaving following items: 1 cartridge belt, 1 canteen, 1 M-26 grenade and 1 poncho. Equipment covered with blood, VC pursued but broke contact.

At 291150H, Company H located one 500 lb bomb in the vicinity of YD 496157. Bomb was blown in place.

At 300820H, Company F found old VC harbor site on banks of stream network. Found 2 bunkers, 2 tunnels, 25 fighting holes. Fighting holes and bunkers weather worn and caved in.

At 011200H, Command Group "B" and Company G and H OPCON to 4th Marines.

At 020810H, Company G machine gun team moving from their night position to another nearby position at YD 522100 tripped an unknown explosive device in a well camouflaged hole resulting in 5 USMC WIA.

At 021000H, Company F located two A/A firing positions at YD 533196. Also found four bomb shelters in area. No sign of recent use; area heavily bombed and burned out.

At 021145H, Command Group "B", Company G and H OPCON to 2/26.

At 020930H, Command Group "B" received 8 rounds of sniper fire from side of mountain during helo landing at YD 553220. Air strike called, sniper fire ceased.

At 032100H, Company G squad size ambush took 2 VC under fire with S/A at YD 537244. One VC confirmed WIA, area searched at first light with negative results.

At 041014H, Company H executed emergency medevac for 3 USMC WIA. WIA's were a result of a booby trap at YD 517266.

At 041800H, Command Group "B" Company G and Company H returned to 4th Marines perimeter. Assumed OPCON of E/2/4.

At 050821H, Company F located one bunker 8x6x5 feet under construction. One bunker covered with logs and leaves. Both bunkers destroyed at YD 565214.

At 051040H, Company F point man received S/A fire from 3 VC at YD 555307. Returned fire and searched area with negative results.

At 051400H, Company G and H 2/26 and Company E 2/4 OPCON to 2

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At 051515H, Company E received 8 - 10 rounds sniper fire from right flank at YD 533257 causing 2 WIA USMC. Returned 250 5.56mm and 20 60mm rounds in area of snipers.

At 061100H assumed OPCON E 2/4, H 2/26 and G 2/26. 2d Bn 26th Marines relieved 2d Bn 9th Marines of 4th Marines perimeter security.

At 071800H Company H found ChiCom grenade boobytrap. Boobytrap was not camouflaged and had trip wire attached.

At 072210H 4th Marines complex received 21 rounds of incoming mortars. All rounds landed outside of perimeter wire, resulting in one USMC WIA.

At 080702H Company E 2/4 found booby trap 15" long holding 20 lbs of explosive. Booby trap had pressure type firing device buried in road at YD 401468. Booby trap blown in place.

At 080930H Company E spotted 5 - 8 Vietnamese at YD 381409, when told to stop they ran. Fired on and observed two to fall. Because of mission and size of unit further exploration was not followed. Results 2 VC KIA (prob)

At 081000H Company F blocking force received sniper fire from one VC at YD 496424. Returned fire with arty resulting in one VC KIA (prob).

At 081100H Company F made contact with 25 - 30 VC at YD 486435. Received approximately 500 rounds SAF, returned with 5.56mm, 7.62mm and 3.5 rockets. VC broke contact leaving two dead. Resulting in 2 VC KIA.

At 081120H Company F captured one VC with weapon at YD 456353. VC taken to collection point.

At 081530H Company F received 8 rounds SAF from YD 473418. Returned fire with 100 rounds of 7.62 and 2 - 3.5 rockets. Incoming fire ceased.

At 081820H Company F spotted 9 VC, 4 of which were carrying weapons. Fired M-79 and small arms. VC broke to east and west. While searching area saw 1 VC swimming across stream fired upon same observed VC to disappear. Large quantities of blood found in area. Resulting in 3 VC KIA.

At 081830H man in Company F squad patrol tripped booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA. WIA redeployed.

At 090050H Company E, 4th Marines received 30 rounds incoming mortar fire. Received 2 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 81mm and 105mm.

At 091300H Company F patrol found one M1A2 grenade launcher adapter, 20 rounds .45 cal ammo and 40 rounds .30 cal ammo in hut occupied by Vietnamese male, age 55. Male taken to Company F CP as detainee.

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At 100654H, Company F patrol searched house at YD 435327 and captured one male Vietnamese age about 25. Detainee has no I.D. Will be taken to CP.

At 100640H, Company F sweeping force moving west along trail when 2 VC fired on point at YD 435377. Returned fire with small arms, M-79 and 3.5 rockets. One VC was WIA and medevaced.

At 100910H, Company F blocking force spotted 3 VC across river at YD 444387. Fired and observed one to fall. One USMC drowned while pursuing VC into river.

At 101020H, Company F blocking force received one sniper round wounding one USMC. Blocking force returned fire with unknown results.

At 101605H, Company F blocking force received sniper fire at YD 456390. Called arty mission with good target coverage. Heard loud screaming after shelling.

At 110815H, a man from Company F patrol stepped in hole and exploded booby trap at YD 454384. Man wounded in right hand.

At 110855H, a man from Company F stepped in punji pit wounding self in left leg.

At 110930H, Company F sweeping force detained nine males at YD 457382. Detainees taken to collection point.

At 111045H, Company F sweeping force search house at YD 434372 and found 3 packs, 4 canteens, 3 ponchos, NVA uniforms, 9mm rounds, .30 cal rounds, medical supplies and NVA documents. Sent same to S-2.

At 111425H, Company F picked up one detainee at YD 484372. Detainee has symptoms of rabies. Taken to BAS.

At 121204H, Company H point man tripped booby trap at YD 585264 resulting in five USMC WIA.

At 121230H, Company E 4th Marines picked up three detainees at YD 363440. Detainees taken to CP.

At 131105H, man from Company E tripped 155mm booby trap at YD 579264. Man was DOW before reaching BAS.

At 140725H, Company E 4th Marines Engineer Team found two home-made anti-personnel mines at YD 384438 with pull release firing devices. Mines disarmed and turned into Division Engineers.

At 141200H, chopped OPCON E/24 to 9th Marines.

At 150800H, 2d Battalion, 26th Marines departed 4th Marines CP for 9th Marines operating area. 2nd Plt, Company H OPCON 4th Marines.

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11. Results

- a. Friendly: 15 KIA, 3 POW, 26 MIA
- b. Enemy: 3 KIA (conf), 5 KIA (prob), 1 WIA (conf), 1 POW, 75 detainees

12. Administrative Matters. The administrative plan initially was not in the hands of the operating units until after the operation began. This caused some problems in the beginning. Administrative support was adequate.

a. Supply

(1) While on this operation the Battalion was supported by the LSA unit located in the Shawnee area. Throughout the operation this battalion received excellent cooperation and support from Lt CATTLE and his men.

(2) The Regimental S-4 of the 4th Marines helped in every way possible and on many occasions Major LINNEMAN called to see if he could do more for us.

(3) All supplies were timely and adequate, although there were occasions when utility uniforms and boots were called for, but not received.

(4) Resupply of the out lying units was excellent and the helicopters used in support of this resupply were adequate.

b. Maintenance. Organic facilities for 2d echelon repair of weapons, vehicles and communications equipment were located in the rear CP. This permitted expeditious repair when required spare parts were available.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) A battalion aid station and ward were established in the battalion CP rear. The ward was utilized for the treatment, retention and observation of casualties until evacuation by motor vehicles was practical.

(2) The receiving and clearing platoon located at the Regimental CP was adequate.

d. Transportation

(1) No motor transport elements were attached to this battalion. All requests for support were submitted to Regiment.

(2) In all cases response for both tactical and resupply requirements was adequate.

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e. Communications. During the operation there were no communication problems with the PRC-25 equipment. There was a relay station established which was utilized while the battalion was on the opposite side of the primary mountain ridge from Regiment.

f. Medical Evaluation. Operation Shawnee proved to be a difficult area for help evacuation. In some instances the injured had to be carried some distance to the landing zone due to terrain. Other than this no major problems were encountered.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. Engineers were used extensively for clearing LZ's, blowing duds and enemy emplacements.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. Though a large area was covered during the Operation, contacts were few and with small units. There was no evidence of large enemy units operating in area recently.

b. The Battalion conducted the Operation using an "Alpha" and "Bravo" Command Group. This was necessary due to large area of operation, dispersion of companies and for adequate control of subordinate units.

15. Recommendations. It is believed that there is still a sizable enemy force operating within the general area further northwest. Further operations in the area are recommended.

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1. Code Name. Operation HICKORY
2. Date of Operation. 17 May - 28 May 1967
3. Location. QUAN GIO LINH District, QUANG TRI Province, VIETNAM
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Annex B to Enclosure (1)

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A/Rpt (Opn Hickory)

17-28 May 1967

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2d Battalion, 26th Marines (Rein)

H&S Company (-)

Company E (Rein)

Company F (Rein)

Company G (Rein)

Company H (Rein)

6. Supporting Forcesa. Artillery Support

(1) "B" Btry, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and "C" Btry, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines were in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines.

(2) Several missions were fired on VC and NVA, but due to the lapse of time from missions shot, till the time impact area could be observed either by sighting or recon, any casualties produced by missions gave the enemy sufficient time to evacuate dead and wounded.

(3) On 19 May 1967 an NVA Artillery Battery was sighted and FO called for a fire mission. While in process of fire mission, assistance was received from AO in adjustment of arty fire. Prior to fire mission AO was assisting Air Strike. AO gave following report of both missions 15 KIA (B) by arty, 10 KIA (C) by air with two guns knocked out and 3 heavily damaged.

(4) Through out operation HICKORY, several counter mortar and counter rocket unobserved missions were fired. But at times when observed fire was in progress, secondary explosion in impact area was reported with moderate to heavy damage.

(5) The artillery support given 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines on operation HICKORY was adequate, and assisted units in carrying out their mission.

b. Air Support

(1) Close Air Support and daily air logistics was supplied by the Squadrons of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

(2) Events during period 16 May to 31 May 1967.

(a) 16 May - 1230H at coordinates YD 144701 F Co FAC called in through AO two (2) flights of A-4's. The target was enemy fortified positions, automatic weapons and mortar. The flights covered 90% of the target; coordination with the AO was conducted through 14 Actual with excellent response. Results of air strike as follows: 20 Medevacs were

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extracted throughout the day, resulting in one UH-34 being shot down by SAF. Emergency resupply was inserted that night by use of strobe lights as references.

(b) 16 May - 1430H coordinates YD 143694, Co G received fire (5) casualties resulting from NVA SAF, mortar and weapons fire; due to heavy contact in vicinity Medevacs had to be extracted on tracked vehicles vice helicopters. UH-34's transported an emergency resupply of ammo into vic YD 143694 after dark with only flashlights to direct them into a very small LZ. The UH-34's did a very commendable job.

(c) 16 May -1300-1500H at coordinates YD 146700 to YD 147690 an AO was on station with fixed wing to conduct continuous airstrikes in support of Co's F and G, both of which was receiving large amounts of incoming fire. UH1E gunships supplimented when fixed wing was not available. Medevacs were conducted with no ensuing problems. UH-34's conducted emergency resupplies throughout the evening.

(d) 17 May - Co G resumed heavy contact in vic YD 141703, taking 33 casualties. Medevacs were conducted to all companies in expeditious and professional manner.

(e) 18 May - Co G came under a concentrated NVA mortar barrage. Thru coordination between 14 Actual, Company G FAC and AO, a fix in vic of IP 123712 was taken with a flight of A-1's being called in to expend bombs and napalm on enemy positions; the fire ceased after strike. Company G received 16 casualties. Company G FAC coordinated the Medevac shortly after 1st barrage with UH-34's. The area of the LZ was not secure as seconds after liftoff another mortar barrage followed. Resupply was uneventful, LZ secure by that time.

(f) 18 May - Co E received two (2) incoming rocket rounds, eight (8) 82mm rds and SAF. ALO had AO on station with fixed wing thru coordination with Co E FAC the AO deployed fixed wing into target area with bombs and napalm resulting in good area coverage, BDA unknown. Medevacs were conducted quickly with no problems.

(g) 18 May - Co F conducted 7 Medevacs throughout the day with satisfactory service being provided.

(h) 19 May - ALO secured AO with fixed wing to strike NVA artillery positions at YD 124775. Bombs covered area well with AO reporting 8 AA of 2 guns destroyed and probably 3 others damaged. Enemy casualties 10 KIA. Airstrikes were conducted throughout the day on objectives in assigned ZOA.

(i) 19 May - Co G utilized UH-34's to extract 5 Medevacs.

(j) 20 May - ALO conducted an airstrike at location YD 144734, confirmed NVA troops and bunkers. Two flights of A-1's were utilized expending napalm, 250/500 bombs. BDA 73 bunkers combined NVA living, supply, mortar and AA positions were destroyed or damaged. NVA casualty count not available.

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(k) 20 May - Airstrikes were conducted throughout the day on objective in ZOA.

(l) 21 May - Multi flights of A-4's, F-4's and F-8's were called in through coordinated efforts of the ALO and AO on station, to cover area YD 113733 with mapalm and bombs, after 2 OH-46 received AWF from that area. BDA was 45 bunker destroyed.

(m) 22 May - 2nd Bn, 26th Marines CO employed UH1E for routine recon flight. Co H FAC utilized AO on station for recon of objectives in assigned ZOA.

(n) 23 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

(o) 24 May - Co F employed UH1E for routine recon flight at request of Co F CO.

(p) 25 May - 0700 Co H coordinated with AO to conduct air strikes in vic of Hill 117 (YD 069698). Targets were enemy bunkers, troops and mortar positions. Target coverage was excellent 85/90% with 13 KIAC, 30 KIAP and estimated 25 bunkers destroyed. 250/500 lb bombs, mapalm, 20mm and rockets were employed against positions.

(q) 25 May - 1500H Co H FAC called for airstrike in vic YD 069698. AO on station controlled strike utilizing 500 lb Bombs, mapalm and rockets against NVA bunker and troops; 80/90% area coverage with 12 KIAC and 25 KIAP.

(r) 26 May - 14 Actual through Co H FAC and AO coordinated airstrikes, throughout morning on troops, bunkers and mortar positions, at coordinated YD 070695; ordinance used 250/500/750 lb bombs and mapalm. BDA estimated 50 bunkers destroyed or damaged with 50 KIAP NVA.

(s) 26 May - 1015H UH1E C&C aircraft carrying 2nd Bn, 26th Marines Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Co H CO, and 3d Bn, 4th Marines Co K CO was shot down at coordinate YD 077708 vic of liftoff from Co H position. Co H FAC observed and immediately diverted AO and fixed wing to position; chase UH-34 retrieved passengers and diverted to DONG HA. Airstrikes hit area of enemy fire with 500/750 1000 lb bombs, mapalm and strafing. 100% of area was covered. Position of AW site believed to be destroyed.

(t) 26 May - 2300H, Co F called for emergency Medevac; UH-34 settled into LZ by aid of flashlight, no difficulties were encountered.

(u) 27 May - Co F FAC conducted an airstrike on 6-10 rocket sites, at coordinates YD 055700. One flight of F-8's dropped two 2000 lb bombs-one bomb was direct hit, probable two (2) positions destroyed. AO directed arty on position prior to airstrike.

(v) 27 May - Companies E and F located in close enough proximity utilized the same LZ for resupply. The zone was secure with friendly troops in all quadrants. The helo refused to settle into LZ and subsequently unloaded supplies while hovering approx 8' to 10' off the

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ground, resulting in loss of over 1/2 the resupply water; the FAC operator informed pilot of situation with no success.

(w) 28 May - No Medevacs or fixed wing required.

7. Intelligence

a. Enemy Situation at Beginning of Operation

(1) At the beginning of the operation, an enemy unit estimated to be of battalion size, was maintaining contact with friendly units. Initially; the enemy would attack with mortars to halt the advance of a friendly unit, then would open contact with a heavy volume of small arms fire, including numerous machine guns.

(2) As friendly units advanced through the objective area the enemy began withdrawing towards the DMZ. The enemy continued to employ mortars extensively, frequently firing rockets and artillery in an attempt to delay the friendly units. While the enemy never attempted to counter-attack or hold any definite position he was found to be well organized and well equipped. On occasions when contact was made, the enemy conducted a well coordinated plan of defense and would not break contact until friendly artillery was called.

b. Weather and Terrain

(1) No adverse weather conditions occurred during the operation.

(2) The objective area had two distinctive topographic regions. The east portion of the area was predominately rolling plains of generally less than 50 meters. This region had large areas of open grasslands flanked by hedgerows and dense secondary growth. Many cultivated areas were found scattered throughout the area and only a few native dwellings were still useable. The secondary growth which separated the cleared and cultivated areas was extremely dense. The wide variety of closely spaced trees found in the secondary growth severely restricted foot movement and limited observation and fields of fire. The western portion of the objective area consisted primarily of hills ranging up to 190 meters. The vegetation on the hills was predominantly elephant grass. Strands of forest were generally encountered on the slopes of the hills. These strands were usually small in size, and the trees were generally spaced far enough apart to permit easy movement. The vegetation in the valleys separating the hills was predominantly burned out forest. The trees were of such density that direct movement was prohibited, but were spaced well enough apart that ease of movement could be rapidly made. The characteristics of the area favored the enemy by providing him with ample cover and concealment for personnel/equipment.

8. Mission. To conduct a search and destroy operation in area (YD 1468, north to southern boundaries of the DMZ, southwest to YD 0669, then south to route #9).

9. Concept of Operation. To attack north from vic of CON THIEN, in column supported by tanks and ontos to conduct search and destroy to the southern

boundary of the DMZ. On order attack to east to capture or destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment. On order attack to the south and continue mission to route #9.

10. EXECUTION

a. Operation HICKORY commenced with the termination of operation FRAIRIE IV at 170001H May 1967.

b. A chronological listing of significant events follow:

At 170001H, Operation Hickory commences and Operation Prairie IV terminates.

At 170530H, Company G heard noise in brush at YD 143692. Fired approximately 100 rounds 5.56mm resulting in 2 NVA KIA(C).

At 170700H, Company H point tripped ChiCom booby trap wounding two USMC.

At 171515H, Company H spotted one NVA at YD 144703. Fired two rounds SAF, man fell and crawled into brush. Checked area with negative results.

At 171600H, Battalion CP received 44 rounds of 82mm rounds wounding 20 USMC including Battalion Commander. Returned fire with 81mm mortars.

At 171630H, Company F received approximately 25 rounds of 82mm mortar. Also received 2 surface to surface rockets. Returned fire with 90mm, 81mm, 60mm, .50 cal and .30 cal. Company F received 11 WIA in this action.

At 171700H, Company G at YD 134701 came under intense SAF and mortar attack from front and left flank. Two incoming rounds were gas similar to CN or CE. Returned fire with 81mm counter mortar and SAF. Captured one heavy machinegun, one automatic rifle, one semi-automatic rifle, 6 ChiCom grenades and miscellaneous equipment. There were 2 USMC KIA, 25 USMC WIA, 8 NVA KIA (C) and 7 NVA (P) in this action.

At 171715H, Company F at YD 139706 received 8 82mm mortar rounds and 20 SA sniper fire from YD 141706. Returned fire with 2 106mm rounds, 16 M-79 rounds and 450 SA rounds. Observed direct hit with 106mm rounds. Two NVA KIA (C) in this action.

At 171800H, Battalion CP at YD 138705 received 35 rounds of 82mm mortar. Returned fire with 81mm counter-mortar attack. Six USMC were WIA in this action.

At 172045H, Company G observed 4 NVA approaching perimeter at YD 135712. Took NVA underfire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C), 2 NVA KI (P) and capturing one machinegun, one 57mm RR tripod, one 57mm RR round, one anti-tank mine and 7 ChiCom grenades.

At 172345H, until 180015 Battalion CP received approximately 200 rds of 82mm mortar rounds at YD 138705. Returned fire with 81mm and arty missions. Battalion CP received 13 WIA.

At 180930H, Company F at YD 138705 received 15 to 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the northwest. Returned fire with 81mm counter-mortar attack. Company F received 2 KIA'S and 5 WIA' in this contact.

At 180950H, Company E and G spotted 20-25 NVA running across at YD 134714. Both companies received very heavy SAF. A tank moving with Company E Received one rocket round. Both companies in contact at this time.

At 181135H, Company H received SAF from their west when helo attempted to land. Company H received one WIA.

At 181225H, Company H received 10 82mm mortars, and was engaged in fire fight with an estimated squad of NVA.

At 181630H, Company G received 6 rounds 82mm mortar at YD 130370 while moving west. Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm mortars. Company G received 12 USMC WIA in this action.

At 18 2000H, Company E at YD 135712 received 2 rocket rounds and a large-volume of SAF from the NE resulting in 14 USMC WIA. Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm counter-mortar fire and arty mission.

At 182022H, Company H LP sighted 2 NVA fired on same, 1 enemy KIA (C), and captured one automatic weapon.

At 182025H, Company H LP observed 2 NVA in front of his position at YD 144703. Fired upon NVA with SAF and M-79. Resulting in two NVA KIA.

At 190010H, recapitulation of casualties for 18 May 1967 is 3 USMC KIA, 104 USMC WIA, and 3 NVA KIA.

At 190720H, Company E received one arty round from unknown direction. Received one USMC WIA.

At 190800H, Company G received ten 60mm mortar rounds at YD 123716. Company G received 16 WIA. While moving through position to evacuate WIA Company G found 16 fresh graves with 2 NVA in each.

At 190850H, Company G received 15-20 82mm mortar rounds wounding 18 USMC and one female correspondent. Returned fire with unknown results.

At 191015H, Company E found 6 bunkers at YD 124726. While searching bunkers killed 2 NVA and captured one bolt action rifle and one demo kit.

At 191145H, Ontos moving north with Company H hit AT mine at YD 125714. Ontos completely destroyed. One USMC was KIA and 7 USMC WIA.

At 191340H, Company E at YD 123730 found 10 bunkers, 44 82mm mortar rounds, 1 portable flame thrower with gun and nozzle, 5 cans of fuses for 82mm mortars, 1 can of black powder, .45 cal rounds, ChiCom grenades, 1 US .30 cal machinegun with extra barrel, 50 lbs of rice, assorted personnel gear and two dead NVA. Questioned three local Vietnamese in area with negative results.

At 191440H Company H man detonated a ChiCom booby trap at YD 118716, two USMC were WIA.

At 191520H H&S Company found one Chicom light machine gun with two drum type magazines, one rear barrel from a Soviet 82mm recoilless rifle and two dead NVA who had been dead for about 24 hours.

At 191850 Company G received 30 rounds of 105mm arty from enemy arty position at YD 124775. Called arty mission and air strike. AO reported 2 guns knocked out and 3 damaged also reported 10 NVA KIA by air and 15 NVA KIA by arty.

At 192300H H&S Company man heard noise at YD 133719. Man threw frag grenade wounding one USMC from fragments of grenade.

At 200115H Company E received one incoming round of undetermine caliber. One USMC was WIA.

At 200955H Battalion CP received two rounds sniper fire. One USN was WIA.

At 201200H Company H discovered a bomb shelter and bunker complex throughout the northern portion of Thon An Kha. Search of area revealed a large amount of assorted ammo and equipment. Papers and documents were found and turned into Battalion S-2. All equipment destroyed except 12 82mm mortar rounds.

At 201400H Company G observed NVA arty position at YD 109783 firing on Con Thien. Requested arty mission. Mission delayed due to friendly aircraft in area. Mission fired at 1715H with excellent target coverage.

At 201600H H&S Company found one NVA KIA with weapon at YD 133710.

At 201655H E Company apprehended three local Vietnamese at YD 123730. Detainees taken to collection point by helo.

At 202020H Company F at YD 127723 received 8 rounds 82mm mortar from YD 126722. Returned fire with arty mission with good target coverage. Results unknown.

At 202400H picked up 180 NVA KIA (Prob) as result of action from 17 May 1967.

At 210735H all 106's from ONTOS which hit mine on 19 May have been salvaged and sent out on resupply chopper along with a WIA who was a result of AT mine.

At 210900H Company H found a 15 foot hole with a 15" angle. Possible enemy missile launch site.

At 211300H Company H at YD 112722 heard enemy arty battery firing from 240 azimuth. Arty mission was called with good target coverage. Results unknown.

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At 211600H two helos on resupply received automatic weapon fire at YD 117733. Air strike and arty mission called in with good target coverage. Results unknown.

At 212045H Company F searching Hill 48 at YD 113733 found 75 bunkers and various NVA equipment. Also found 20 bunkers enroute to Hill 48 from the west.

At 220420H Company G LP heard and saw movement north of their position at YD 119719. LP received one frag grenade wounding one USMC. Returned fire with SAW and M-26 frag grenades. Search at first light revealed large amounts of blood. One NVA was KIA (P).

At 220930H Company E found one dead NVA killed by shrapnel in chest at YD 123722.

At 221045H Company E patrol at YD 124721 killed one NVA with SAW. NVA had a very large amount of equipment for one man.

At 221105H Company H at YD 104723 found 5 bomb shelters with fighting positions on top. Fighting positions had loose 82mm mortar rounds and several pieces of equipment that appeared to be a rocket launcher. Equipment was sent to Battalion S-2.

At 221230H Company H at YD 105722 found several fiberboard tubes with electrical devices and circular metal braces for rocket pad or launcher. All gear taken to Battalion rear.

At 221310H Company H while searching house at YD 103722 found documents and diagrams. Writing was in Chinese. All items sent to rear on resupply helo.

At 222330H Company G received one round of friendly arty fire at YD 093716. One man WIA from short round.

At 230905H Company F found rice bin in well camouflaged area at YD 115722. Approximately 1,100 pounds in weight. Rice turned into Battalion S-2.

At 231400H Company H discovered 3 bomb shelters 6X4X4 ft. While searching shelters found 2 ChiCom grenades, 3 boxes TNT and assorted NVA equipment.

At 231430H Company H apprehended one male and two females at YD 110725. All taken to rear under guard. Male had 57,700 piasters in North Vietnamese currency.

At 231630H Company H at YD 11772; found NVA clothing, 4 ChiCom grenades and 6 bottles of American penicillin. Destroyed all equipment.

At 231645H at YD 115721 Company F found a NVA base camp. Search of area revealed numerous huts, bunkers, trench lines and assorted NVA equipment. Destroyed huts, bunkers and NVA equipment. Papers and documents sent to rear.

At 231920H Company H man detonated booby trap at YD 104720. One USMC was WIA.

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At 240315H Company G received one grenade at YD 095713, resulting in one USMC WIA.

At 241500H Company E man walked on edge of perimeter fell into punji pit wounding self in left hand.

At 241600H Company H found bunker and fighting hole complex at YD 071697. Bunkers and fighting holes destroyed.

At 241715H spotted one NVA at YD 071697. Fired two rounds SAF with unknown results.

At 242155H Company G at YD 093687 received three rounds of artillery, estimated to be 105mm from a 165 azimuth. There were no casualties.

At 250350H Company G at YD 087686 received 40 to 50 rounds of 60mm mortar. Called Arty mission with unknown results.

At 250515H Company H made contact with an estimated reinforced NVA company at YD 069696. The enemy was well dug in bunkers and fighting positions. The result of this action was 3 friendly KIA, 29 friendly WIA, 26 NVA KIA (C) and 15 NVA KIA (P).

At 250750H Battalion received 12 rocket rounds between Company G and battalion CP at YD 093687. Three USMC were WIA. Air strikes were called at enemy positions with good target coverage.

At 250840H Company H still in contact at YD 061690. Air strike called throughout morning.

At 251230H H&S company man received a concussion from blast of 81mm mortar round leaving tube.

At 1445H Company H engaged an estimated NVA battalion (~) in bunkers and fighting holes at YD 065697. At 1645H Company K 3d Battalion, 4th Marines chopped OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines and moved to company H right flank in support of Company H. Company H and K withdrew under Arty and air strike to reorganize and medevac. The result of this action was 15 NVA KIA (C), 22 NVA KIA (P), 60 friendly WIA and 9 friendly KIA.

At 251822H Company H at YD 069705 heard enemy Arty battery at a 270 azimuth from their position, called Arty mission with unknown results.

At 261015H Recon helo was shot down at YD 053709. Battalion Commander, Battalion XO, Company H and K Commanding Officers aboard. There were 4 USMC WIA in this incident. Battalion Commander WIA, Battalion XO took command at this time.

At 261000H Company H and K OPCON to 3rd Bn, 4th Marines.

At 261728H Company E received 16 NVA rockets 600 meters east of their position at YD 078670. Estimated rockets to be 140mm coming from YD 055688. Called 81mm mortar and arty missions. Check area with negative results.

At 060000H Company H still in contact with enemy at YD 061690. Called Arty mission.

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At 261830H Company G reported a unknown number of NVA firing at Helo at YD 096608. Called arty mission and sent two tanks with one platoon to check area. Checked out area with negative results.

At 262225H Company F man was unloading .45 cal pistol when he accidentally shot self in leg.

At 271000H New Battalion Commander takes command.

At 271400H Company E received a short 81mm round from Battalion CP. One USMC was KIA as a result.

At 271800H Company E and F searching out hill 117 at YD 067699 found more than 40 log and dirt bunkers, most of them destroyed by air and arty missions, telephone lines running along trails, one M-60 MG spare barrel, six M-16 rifles, one M-79, and two M-72. Area received excellent coverage by air and arty missions. Could smell dead bodies under rubble but found none.

At 280750H Company F at YD 067699 found 2 anti-aircraft positions with 37mm shell casings in positions. Trench connects positions to dirt and log bunkers. One position received direct hit from either arty or air. Position had stench of dead persons.

At 281130H Company F at YD 071696 found 90 large bunkers-emplaced in depth on both sides of trail running south. Average size was 6X4X4 feet. Bunkers constructed within the last week. Also found NVA equipment, ChiCom 7.62 linked ammo, 3 20 rd magazines for Soviet AK-47, assorted medical gear and one NVA bloody Uniform. One NVA KIA (P) was claimed. Bunkers were destroyed.

At 281605H Company F at YD 070646 received two sniper rounds from one NVA at YD 065693. Returned fire with SA and observed sniper to fall from tree. Unable to recover body as of friendly action in area.

At 281900H Battalion CP received 10 rounds of 140mm rockets from 055686. Fired 81mm and arty mission. Results unknown.

At 281948H Company F at YD 069700 heard enemy rockets fire toward Con Thien. Called arty mission and air mission. Observed secondary explosions at YD 046697.

At 282400H Operation Hickory completed. Operation Prairie IV recommences.

II. Results Summary of Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses:

a. KIA	207
b. KIA (P)	237
c. POW	0
d. Detainees	4
e. Weapons	9

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12. Administrative Matters

a. Supply

(1) At the beginning of the operation we encountered many obstacles which made the resupply of our units in the field a difficult task. Our first problem was that the HST Team assigned to our unit was not informed of the radio frequency they had to man, nor of the procedure involved to request a resupply. Due to the intense combat action at the very beginning of the operation this lack of knowledge caused emergency resupplies to be confused, but as time went by this obstacle was overcome.

(2) It is an unquestionable fact that the 3d Shore Party Bn. located at Dong Ha has to support a numerous amount of units located in that area, but their manner of operation was quite different from their brethren during the Shawnee Operation. The point we are trying to convey here is that we can cope with any type of operation as long as we have prior knowledge of what has to be done. An example of this would be in the Shawnee Operation. All items of resupply were procured by LSA and placed in the LZ with exception of Class II and Sundry Packs. Whereas on the Prairie IV, Hickory, and Cimarron operations all items had to be procured by our own Battalion rear and placed in the LZ. We were naturally unprepared for this situation. The only people located in our battalion rear at Dong HA was a two (2) man S-1, two (2) man S-4, and a two (2) man Supply. If we had not been fortunate enough to have some vehicle drivers remain behind we would never have been able to get the gear to the LZ.

(3) The gathering of the resupply items were made harder by the far flung areas in which the agencies' supplies had to be obtained from where located in relation to the LZ. Also in order to draw certain types of medical supplies there had to be a Corpsman from our unit on hand to do this. On a number of occasions when our personnel went to the ammunition supply point there were people who did not even know what was in the dump and our own people had to go and find what they needed. This caused unnecessary delay, especially when there was an emergency request. Also some of the personnel at the ASP had a lackadaisical attitude when it came to emergency resupply. It is recommended that the LZ and the supply agencies be more closely related.

(4) It was experienced many times during the duration of this operation that there were certain essential items of equipment not available. For example, the M-16's were not available for the PRC-25. This happened on the 1st of May. The M-16's were not available and the PRC-25's were never available. Also a three (3) day period elapsed before we could be resupplied with gun rounds for the M-79 Grenade Launcher. It would be advisable on an operation of this magnitude that three essential items of resupply be made readily available.

(5) It is recognized that on occasions the resupply request from the field was late. This caused a hardship on 3d Shore Party Bn when it came to fraging helicopters for the next days resupply, but after the first four days of the operation this was rectified. A point to be mentioned in connection with this is the communications involved. During the greater portion of the operation the communication from the field was poor to say the least. On some occasions it was necessary to relay through two neighboring

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units in order to talk to 3d Shore Party Bn. Most of the time we had to relay through the relay station located at the Rockpile and this was only possible at times when the radio was connected to a 292 antenna. Our HST did not have a 292 and we had to use one belonging to another section. If this area is worked again it is recommended that a better and closer relay system be devised for more direct communications. This would erase some of the confusion that occurs when relaying through to many stations. By having no direct communications a number of times supplies for one of our units were delayed at other locations. Our resupply was late due to this lack of direct communications and on a couple occasions was not received at all.

(6) Due to the success of the operation it could be said that supply was adequate. As much as certain essential items of supply were not available on occasions and some not available at all it could be said that supply was inadequate. The important fact is that lessons like this should make us more prepared for the next operation. One outstanding arm of logistical support received by this unit was from the S-4 of the 3d Marine Regiment.

b. Helicopters in support of the operation.

(1) The only adverse thing that could be said about the helicopters would be the fact that some of the pilots are very inflexible. An example would be when a helicopter came into pick up empty water cans. Even though it had enough room left it would not take out any passengers because it had been told to only pick up water cans. In order to take out passengers we would have to frag another bird. This is a duplication of effort.

(2) Not enough can be said about the medical evacuation helicopters. They did an outstanding job, and braved many conditions that would have caused other men to avoid. This unit has nothing but high praise for their support.

c. Maintenance. There was no occasion in which this unit required maintenance other than that performed by our own unit.

d. Medical Support. This unit had a small BAS located at Dong Ha which mostly administered support to "D" Med.

(1) The "D" Med located at Dong Ha did a masterful job in identifying and clearing of casualties as they were received from the field. Although there were on occasions a tremendous amount of casualties received at one time, there was no lost motion by any of the members of "D" Med and they carried out their jobs with enthusiasm.

(2) The only adverse area concerning casualties is the location of the morgue and inadequacy of the facilities available. It would seem that it being a sore point of discussion, that this would be corrected. It is recommended that a isolated location be found and more freezer vans be procured.

13. Communications

a. During operation the radio set AN/PRC-25 continued to provide very

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dependable communications.

b. Difficulties were encountered when units were on the move but still remained good.

c. Difficulties were experienced several times due to the close assignments of frequencies within the command group.

d. The RC 292 antenna was used to maintain communication with higher echelon at all command posts positions.

14. Commander's Analysis

a. During the entire operation the coordination between air and artillery was slow and check fire on artillery and mortars were excessive. An air strike in front of one battalion must not prevent an adjacent battalion from firing artillery and mortars.

b. It was discovered four days into the operation that the LSA commander did not have the thrust points and in fact, had not been issued a copy of the operation order. This situation caused considerable difficulty in resupply.

15. Recommendations

a. That close coordination of supporting arms be accomplished to reduce time lags in prep fires and to prevent air strikes in one zone of action from masking the fires of supporting arms in an adjacent zone.

b. That all units concerned including combat service support be made thoroughly aware of the details of the operation they are to support.

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 FM THIRD MARINES
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 THIRD MARDIV (REAR)
 INFO NINTH MARINES
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 ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
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 SECOND BN TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO B THIRD TK BN
 ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/BTRY C FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
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 OPN PRAIRIE IV
 SITREP NR 157 AS OF 290600H MAY 67
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

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- A. 3/4 (YD077683)
- I/3/4 (YD075685)
- K/3/4 (YD088689)
- L/3/4 (YD064688)
- M/3/4 (YD060680)
- B. 3/9 (YD104654)
- K/3/9 (YD104658)
- L/3/9 ~~(YD104653)~~ (YD104653)
- M/3/9 (YD094055)
- C. 2/26 (YD088688)
- E/2/26 (YD066722)
- G/2/26 (YD080620)
- H/2/26 (YD078682)

- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
- 3. ENEMY CONTACT: LATEN ENTRY: 282240H CAC PTL (YD093537)
 HEARD NOISE. FIRED S/A AND SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS. PTL
 RESUMED MOVEMENT AND RECEIVED 2 GREN. RETURNED FIRE AND ILLUM
 AND SWEEP AREA W/NEG RESULTS. RETURNED NO CP. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
- 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

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- A. 282330H 1/3/3 OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSION DURING FIRE
 FIRES AT (XD967568). ARTY MSN FIRED. RESULTS UNKNOWN.
- B. 282300H. 1/3/3 OP ON ROCKPILE OBS 2 LIGHTS MOVING
 N TO S AT (XD985565). MORTAR MSN FIRED. LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED.
- C. 290145H 2/26 CP SECURITY SECTOR ON NW (YD087684) HEARD
 MOVEMENT TO FRONT. THREW GREN AND FIRED 3 RDS S/A. MOVEMENT
 CEASED. AREA TO BE SEARCHED AT FIRST LIGHT.
- 5. PLANS: NO CHANGE
- 6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NO CHANGE

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THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES

SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

1ST/THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES

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SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA

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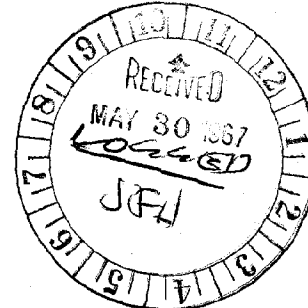
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UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

2/26 (YD 889686)

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E/2/26 (YD 863783)

F/2/26 (YD 878699)

G/2/26 (YD 878672)

H/2/26 (YD 878695)

I/3/4 MOVING

M/3/4 MOVING

W/3/9 MOVING

SUMMARY OF OPNS: NO CHANGE.

CONTACTS: NONE

OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

1. 291030H COS I AND M/3/4 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO LOD.
2. 291100H LEADING ELEMENTS OF M/3/9 COMMENCED MOVEMENT TO LOD.
3. 291100H COS M AND I/3/4 JUMPED OFF IN THE ATTACK.

PLANS: NO CHANGE

CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NO CHANGE

HICKORY (LATE ENTRY)

MY OPN HICKORY SETREP NR 27 AD. DESCRIPTION OF 4 EMPTY CANISTERS

FOLLOWS: METAL, OLIVE DRAB, SOVIET MADE. 2 CANISTERS 24"X6"

W/FOLLOWING MARKINGS: 82 * 00X01, B-10, 21-60-B, RD -2M 144-

77-61-2403.

END HAS WATERPROOF CAP, OTHER END HAS 1/2" BRASS PLUG,
CANISTERS 32" IN LENGTH BY 6" DIAM, W/FOLLOWING MARKINGSPAGE THREE 0920 **SECRET**

2 * * * KYNRY B-10 RA-2M 144-B-56-2403. ALL 4 HAD CANVAS CARRY-
H HANDLES APPROX 1 FT LONG. PRESS 1 LONG AND 1 SHORT 2-PIECE CARRY
UNK TYPE RKT. WILL BE FORWARDED TO D-2.

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A G-3/COC CAPS CEO, S/S ADC

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OPN PRAIRIE IV

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

- A. 3/4 (YD 086685)
 1/3/4 (YD 086685)

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K/3/4 (YD 086685)

L/3/4 (YD 086684)

M/3/4 (YD 086681)

B. 3/9 (YD 086667)

K/3/9 (YD 086667)

L/3/9 (YD 086668)

M/3/9 (YD 086665)

C. E/2/26 (YD 087678)

F/2/26 (YD 089685)

W/2/26 (YD 078678)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. 3/5

(1) 1/1/3 291120H-1530H SQD PTL
 290800H-1500H SQD PTL

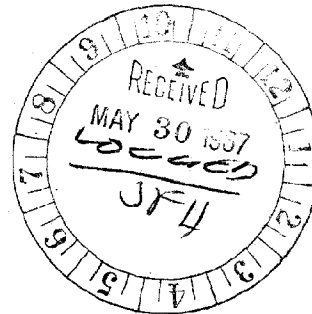
(2) 3/3 290700H-1430H SQD PTL

B. 3/9:

(1) 1/3/9 290745H-1600H SQD PTL, 290600H-1500H SQD PTL.

(2) 1/3/3 290750H-1500H SQD PTL.

C. 3 9(-), 2/26 CONDUCTED S&D OPN IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR
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291400H W/3/9 (YD 052683) LOC 1 105MM DUD AND 1 105MM DUD (YD 071695). DESTROYED W/C-4.
 B. 291500H W/3/9 (YD 052683) CONTACT CONTINUED. RECEIVING
 HWY A/W AND S/A FIRE WITH FORWARD UNIT HWY ENGAGED. WITH DRAWING
 CASUALTIES FROM BATTLE AREA FOR MED-EVAC. FIRING S/A ALL ARMY
 MISSION AT EN BUNKER PRIOR TO CLEARING AREA.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

- A. LATE ENTRY 291230H F/2/26 FOUND 1 105MM DUD AND 1 105MM DUD (YD 071695). DESTROYED W/C-4.
 B. 291100H 3 MEN, 2 WOMEN AND 5 CHILDREN FROM HAMLET WEST OF
 KHE SANH TURNED THEMSELVES INTO L/3/3 (YD 011456) REQUESTING TO
 BE MOVED TO CAN LO FOR RESETTLEMENT. REFUGEES STATED THEY HAD
 BEEN EVADING 10 VC FOR 11 DAYS. SUBJECTS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO
 CAN LO FOR INTERROGATION AND RESETTLEMENT.
 C. 291140H W/3/9 LOC (YD 102660) 1 250 LB BOMB DUD. DESTROYED
 W/C-4.
 D. 291155H F/2/26 (YD 071697) COMPLETED DESTRUCTION OF 61
 BUNKERS.
 E. 291255H W/3/9 (YD 103666) LOC AREA W/ALL TREES SAW OFF.
 F. 291300H I/3/4 (YD 062683) LOC 16 UNOCCUPIED
 BUNKERS SHOULD BE DESTROYED.

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ALSO APPEARED TO BE A SNIPER STAND IN TALL TREE ON RIDGE LINE.
 LOC 6 BUNKERS 4X4X6 FT REINF W/2 LAYERS OF LOGS COVERED W/DIRT
 AND ROCKS. EACH BUNKER HAD A SMALL APPERTURE CLOSE TO THE
 GROUND W/3 FACING N AND 3 FACING S. ALSO LOC 1 CHICON GREN. GREN
 AND BUNKERS DESTROYED.

- G. 291405H W/3/9 LOC (YD 102667) 1 250 LB BOMB DUD. DESTROYED
 W/C-4.
 H. 291425H 2/26 (YD 089686). CH-46 A LANDED AT 2/26 CP DUE
 TO MECHANICAL FAILURE. RECOVERY TEAM AT LOC.
 I. 291546H W/3/9 (YD 107668) LOC 1 81MM DUD. DUD BLOWN IN PLACE
 W/C-4. 1 MARINE TO CLOSE TO AREA RECEIVED MONOR SCHRAPNEL WOUND.
 RESULTS 1 USMC WIA
 J. 291600H I/3/4 LEAD ELEM REACH BN OBJ 1 (YD 052683). LOC
 7 NVA BODY APPARENTLY DILLED BY ARTY OR AIR. CONTINUE TO SEARCH
 AREA. RESULTS 1 EN KIA (C).
 K. PLANS: 3/3 AND 3/9 (REAR) MAINTAIN PRESENT PSN. CONDUCT
 FTL AND AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/4, 3/9 (-) AND 2/8S CONTINUE
 TO CONDUCT S&D OPN IAW PLANNING MSG FOR 29 MAY 67 DTG 281240Z.

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2. DATE

- 0 CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

- (4) INDIV WPNS 2, CREW SERVED WPNS 6, TOTAL 8.

7. ARMY USMC CPAS: NONE

9. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

3. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 30 MAR EMPLOYED 11 TMS.

- A. 3 TMS W/CAC PLT NR 5.
B. 1 TM W/3/9 (D-5).
C. 7 TMS W/HQ 3D MAR.
D. NEG REPORT

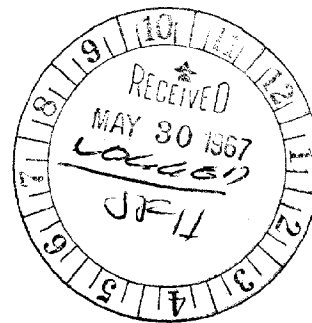
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OPN PRAIRIE IV

SICREP NR 166 AS OF 292400N MAY 1967

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. SOP BA LOUS: 1/3/9 CONDUCTED 1 DAYLIGHT, 2 DAYLIGHT/NIGHT
PIL/AMN DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS:

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(1) 281400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM AMN SITE (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

(2) 030110N-103000E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

(3) 201400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO AMN SITE (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

B. 241400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

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(3) 201400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

C. 3/9:

(1) 201400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

2. 241400N-290600E PTL/AMN FROM CP TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO (YD147361) TO CP.

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AND APPROACHES THERETO WERE HIT BY AIR AND ARTY. AT 1100H
E AND M/3/4 JUMPED OFF IN THE ATTACK AND MOVED TOWARD THEIR OBJ'S.
AS THE ATTACKING CO ADVANCED ARTY FIRE WAS CALLED IN AHEAD OF THEM
"WALKING" IT FORWARD AS THEY ADVANCED, NO CONTACT WAS MADE UNTIL
ABOUT 1400 AT WHICH TIME M/3/4 CAME UNDER NAVY S/A AND A/F FIRE.
ADDITIONALLY, MORT SUPPRESSION FIRES WERE ACTIVATED ON MORT POS'S THAT
WERE USED BY THE EN ON 26 MAY, AND ON SUSP MORT POSNS.

A. 291715H 1/3/4 (YD652655) REC'D S/A AND A/W FIRE FM TOP OF HILL 174 ATTACKED PSN. LOC APPROX 2-3 BUNKERS ON OBJ "L" 2 MG FPN W/2 MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BUNKERS. 5-7 SPIDER TRAPS. ALL PSN MUTUALLY SUPPORTING ATTACKED BUNKERS W/1 FLT SGT WERE FORCED TO WITHDRAW DUE TO CONVERGING FR UNITS AND HWY BN 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AT 280000H 1/3/4 CONSOLIDATED IN NIGHT PSN. RESULTS 13 USMC KIA, (11MED EVAC) MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

D. 292030N 74/4 (YD655683) SUEEP THROUGH BUNKERS , LOC 4 EN
KIA (C) AND MOST BUNKERS DESTROYED MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.

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WILL BE FORWARDED TO 6-6.

E. 291835N 4/3/8 (YD187667) LSC 2 RIFLE BUTTS, 1 PR SNEAKERS, 2 HELMETS, BANDAGES, HALF OF A SHOVEL CAMOUFLAGE HOLDER FOR PACK AND BITS OF CLOTHING. ALL GEAR WAS UNSERVISABLE.

F. 292045N 1/3/8 (XD079562) OBSERVED APPROX 15 ROCKET EXHAUST TRUST TRAILS VIC (XD900616) 5900 YDS FROM THEIR PSN. ROCKETS APPEARED TO BE GOING STRAIGHT UP. ARTY MISSION FIRED. RESULTS UNK. PLANS: 3/4, 3/9, 2/26 CONTINUE S & D OPN IAV BY PLANNING MSG 09 30 MAY 67 DTG 291038Z.

A. FOR 3/4: CONSOLIDATE PSN ON OBJ'S. HOLD 7 AND 4/3/4 THOSE LSS NIGHT OF 29 MAY. MOVE REMAINDER OF 3/4 AT FIRST LIGHT 30 MAY TO SOUTH OF THESE PSN IN OWN ZOA IN PSN TO CONTINUE THE ATTACK ON ORDER TO THE SOUTH.

B. FOR 2/26: REMAIN PRESENT PSNS NIGHT OF 29 MAY, MAINTAINING READY POSTURE TO CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO THE SOUTH ON ORDER.

C. FOR 3/9: CONTINUE SWEEP OF ASSIGNED AREA (SEE MY PLANNING MSG FOR 29 MAY 281040Z MAY 67) MAINTAINING POSTURE TO BE READILY AVAILABLE TO ATTACK TO SOUTH ON ORDER.

D. COMMENCEMENT OF ATTACK TO SOUTH ON ORDER WILL BE PREDICATED ON THE PSN AND TIMING OF 3/4. THE ATTACK TO THE SOUTH AND RATE OF

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ADVANCE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE ADVANCE OF 3/4, SINCE THEY HAVE THE MOST DIFFICULT TERRAIN TO ATTACK THOROUGH.

E. IF ORCHID IS CHANGED TO TP CANNATION (YD1867) EFFECTIVE 300700H, 00 BEL TP ONEVY USE TP BUION AS REQ. ALL OTHER THRUST POINTS REMAIN THE SAME.

C. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) 3 KIA
- (2) 20 MIA
- (3) 3 MIA

B. ENEMY

- (1) 13 KIA (0), 20 MIA (P)
- (2) 26 DETAINEES OF UNCLASSIFIED, 1 MGS) 10 REPORTED
- (3) 6 PW (5V), 1 PW (VC), 9 REP (0V), 1 REP (00),

C. CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

- (4) INDIV WPN 10, GREN SERVED WPN 0, TOTAL 10.

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ZEN/THIRD BN NINTH MARINES
SECOND BN TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES
ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
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ZEN/CO B THIRD TK BN
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ZEN/BTRY C FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA

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OPN PRAIRIE IV
SITREP NR 161 AS OF 300000H MAY 67
1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

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▪ (1) LATE ENTRY: 291545H M/3/4 ATTACKING LEFT FINGER OF HILL 174 (YD057060) ENCOUNTERED 9 BUNKERS AND TRENCHES BUNKERS MUTUALLY SUPPORTING AND COVERED BY SNIPER FIRE. FIRED ON BUNKERS W/3.5, LAAWS GREN, M-16, AND S/A. 8 BUNKS DEST. MAJORITY WERE 2 MAN BUNKS. (1 WAS 4-5 MAN). SNIPER FIRE VERY HVY AND EFFECTIVE AS PROTECTION FOR BUNKS. CAPTURED 1 RPG RKT CARRIER, 1 TRIPOD SIDE MOUNT, AND 1X57MM GUN BARREL CARRIER. RESULTS: 5 USMC KIA, 33 USMC WIA (18 WIA PREVIOUSLY REPORTED). 13 ENEMY KIA (4 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) (C), 9 ENEMY KIA (P)

(2) LATE ENTRY 292240H 3/9 LP (YD060541) OBSERVED 3 ENEMY NEAR LP. LP THREW 1 GREN. FIRE TEAM REINFORCED LP AND SEARCHED AREA. RESULTS 2 ENEMY KIA (P)

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE.

5. PLANS: NO CHANGE.

6. CUMULATIVE LTSSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:

(1) 13 KIA

(2) 101 WIA

(3) 0 MIA

B. ENEMY

(1) 22 KIA (C), 32 KIA (P)

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(2) 26 DETAINEES (0 UNCLASSIFIED, 1 VCS), 10 REFUGEES

(3) 0 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 0 RET (NVA), 1 RET (VC),

0 CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

(4) INDIV WPNS 10, CRIM SERVED WPNS 0, TOTAL 10.

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ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES

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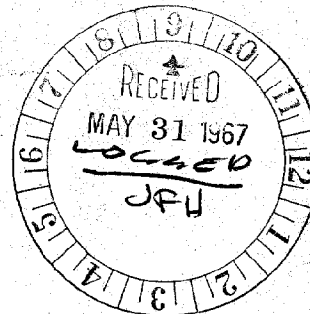
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SITREP NR 162 AS OF 301200H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

I/3/4 (YD 062687) MOVING TO (YD 055685)

L/3/4 (YD 067673) MOVING TO (YD 0585672)



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L/3/9 (YD 107673)

W/2/26 (YD 072678)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. 3/3

(1) I/3/3 291945H-300630H SQD PTL/AMB (XD 982540)

(2) K/3/3 291645H-300630H SQD PTL/AMB (XD 990508)

(3) M/3/3 291945H-300600H SQD PTL/AMB (XD 966516)

291430H-300700H SQD PTL/AMB (XD 970495)

B. 3/9

(1) I/3/3 291900H-300645H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 034568)

(2) K/3/3 292100H-300800H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 030496)

291045H-300700H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 077505)

291900H-300730H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 064543)

C. NON-BATTLE CASUALTY; MED-EVAC: M&S/2/26 FOOT INJURY

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: 301000H 3/9 LOC 1 INCREMENT, APPROX 50 RDS 7.62MM SHORT, 1 BLOCK 2X2X4 INCHES TNT, 1 COVER FOR 82MM CANISTER W/RUSS PRINT & NUMBERS. COPY TO BE PASEP.

5. PLANS: NO CHANGE

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NO CHANGE

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INFO NINTH MARINES

- * SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
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- * ZEN/CO B THIRD TK BN
- * ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA
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OPN PRAIRIE IV

SITREP NR 163 AS OF 301030H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

- A. 3/4 (YD 086605)
- 1/3/4 (YD 033620)

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- * K/3/4 (YD 086605)
- * L/3/4 (YD 056672)
- * M/3/4 (YD 072082)
- * B. 3/9 (YD 108667)
- * K/3/9 (YD 108677)
- * L/3/9 (YD 108666)
- * M/3/9 (YD 108665)
- * C. 2/26 (YD 086685)
- * E/2/26 (YD 086675)
- * F/2/26 (YD 086665)
- * G/2/26 (YD 077671)
- * H/2/26 (YD 066674)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

- A. 3/3:
 - (1) 1/3/3 SOD PTL 3012 CH-301630H
 - SOD PTL 300701H-301330H
 - (2) M/3/3 SOD PTL 300715H-301530H
- B. 3/9:
 - (1) 1/3/3 SOD PTL 300600H-301400H
 - (2) 1/3/9 SOD PTL 300800H-301430H

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SGD PTL 300730H-301030H

C. NON BATTLE CASUALTY: MED EVAC: 1/3/3 1 USMC POSS MALARIA, MED EVAC COMPLETED 1623H.

3. CONTACTS:

A. 301245H 1/3/4 (YD 052173) MADE CONTACT AND RECD S/A FIRE AND GREN FM BNKR LINE. ATTACKING PSN W/S/A, 3-5 RKTs AND LAWS. RESULTS 4 USMC KIA. MED EVAC COMPLETED 301400H.

B. 301305H 1/3/4 (YD 055672) PTL RECD S/A FIRE FM BNKRS. ATTACKING PSNS. RESULTS 12 USMC KIA. MED EVAC COMPLETED 1400H.

4. EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: 301000H 1/3/3 REPORTED RADIO OPERATOR OF RECON PTL G-2 LOST FOOTING WHILE CROSSING FIVER AND FELL INTO RIVER VIC (XD 962427) AND DROWNED. BODY RECOVERED.

B. 301150H 1/3/9 (YD 107672) LOC 2 FAMILY HUTS 10X4 FT CONSTRUCTED OF GRASS, 1 BNKR 3X3X5 FT AND 1 FIGHTING HOLE 3X5X3 FT. APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED OVER A WEEK AGO. DURING SEARCH OF AREA LOC PAMPHLETS

WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2.

C. 301200H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED FOLLOWING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: BN MARINE ATK FM 300622H-301003H: (YD 056684) UNK NR OF FOXHOLES & FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED: (YD 046682) 1 A/W PSN AND UNK NR FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED

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(YD 054681) UNK NR FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED: (YD 050687) 2 A/W PSNS AND

75 YD TRNCHLINE DESTROYED.

D. 301230H 1/3/3 (XD 979568) REPORTED 1 SCOUT DOG SICK NBC, AND WILL

RTNRD TO 1 ST MP EN.

E. 301350H 1/3/9 LOC CAMP SITE VIC (YD 107675) W/13 FIGHTING HOLES 2X5X3 FT TO 4X6X3 FT AND POSS CP BNKR 5X5X7 W/KITCHEN FACILITIES, AND VARIOUS PIECES OF EQUIP (2 NVA PACKS, 5 SNEAKERS, 40 RDS AK-47 AMMO, 1 BASKET W/8 BOWLS OF RICE, 2 ROLL BARB WIRE, 1 CHICOM GREN POUCH, 1 DOCUMENT, 1 LEAFLET AND 1 BOOK). DESTROYED BNKRS. FORWARDED CAPTURED ITEMS TO G-2.

F. 301315H 1/3/9 (YD 105675) FOUND 5 FRESH GRAVES 2 OR 3 DAYS OLD. BODY FM ONE GRAVE HAD NVA UNIFORM AND WAS WRAPPED IN PONCHO. APPARENTLY

KILLED BY ARTY. RESULTS 5 EN KIA (C).

C. 301330H 1/2/26 (YD 072675) FND 1 NVA PACK W/PONCHO, NVA SANDALY, GREN POUCH AND 1 CHICOM GREN. ALL ITEMS APPEARED OLD AND DETERIOATED FM WEATHER. ALL GEAR WAS DESTROYED.

H. 301430H 1/3/4 (YD 179650) SECURED PSN. FND PROTECTIVE BNKRS 2X4X4 FT WELL CAMOUFLAGED. THEY DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY OCCUPIED. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RESULTS.

I. 301430H 1/3/9 (YD 120510) LOC PART OF THE TAIL FIN FOR A 255 LB BOMB.

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J. 301505H (YD 043509) ARMY CONVOY RETURNING TO CAMP CARROLL FM DONG HA ON RTE NR 9 RECD BURST OF A/W FIRE. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN. AREA IS IN NO FIRE ZONE. NO FR CASUALTIES.

K. 301515H L/3/9 (YD 105675) FOUND TUNNEL W/18" DIAM ENTRANCE, DESCENDING 6' STRAIGHT DOWN AND THEN ANGLES OFF IN NORTHERLY DIRECTION.

TUNNEL WAS NOT REINF. TUNNEL WAS DESTROYED.

L. 301630H M/3/9 LOC 6 BNKRS VIC (YD 108672) BNKRS DESTROYED. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS.

5. PLANS: 3/9 (REAR) AND 3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN. CONDUCT PTL/AMB IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/9(-), 2/26, 3/4 CONTINUE EXECUTION OF MY OPN HICKORY FRAG D 2-67 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 30 MAY 67.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) 13 KIA
- (2) 117 WIA
- (3) 0 MIA

B. ENEMY

- (1) 27 KIA (C), 32 KIA (P)
- (2) 26 DETAINEES (6 UNCLASSIFIED, 1 VCS), 10 REFUGEES

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(3) 0 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 0 RET (NVA), 1 RET (VC),

0 CIVIL DEPENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

(4) INDIV WPNS 10, CREW SERVED WPNS 0, TOTAL 10

7. ARVN/USMC OPNS: NONE

8. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

9. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAK EMPLOYED 7 TMS:

A. 3 TMS W/CAC PLT NR 5.

E. 1 TM W/3/9 (D-5)

C. 3 TMS W/HQ CO 3D MAK.

D. NEG REPORT

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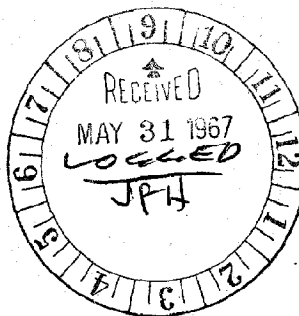
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S E C R E T

OFN FRAIRIE IV

SITREP NR 164 AS OF 302400H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

- A. I/3/4 (YD 070696)
- L/3/4 (YD 059673)

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B. L/3/9 (YD 108680)

M/3/9 (YD 098672)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. SOP BA LONG: I/3/9 CONDUCTED 2 DAYLIGHT AND 2 NIGHT PTL DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS:

(1) 300700H - 1600H SQD PTL FROM CP TO (YD 183401) TO (YD 176423) TO (YD 143415) TO CP.

(2) 300900H - 1500H SQD PTL FROM CP TO (YD 165382) TO (YD 180380) TO (YD 178394) TO CP.

(3) 290630H - 300830H SQD PTL/AMB FROM AMB SITE (YD 182399) TO CP.

(4) 301600H - 310800H SQD PTL/AMB FROM CP TO (YD 145397) TO AMB SITE (YD 137407) CONTINUE PTL AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. CA LU OP: L/3/3 CONDUCTED 3 DAYLIGHT PTL AND 3 NIGHT PTL DURING LAST 24 HOURS.

(1) 300830H - 1700H SQD PTL FROM CP NORTH ON ROUTE 9 TO (XD 991493) TO (XD 975480) TO (XD 987475) TO CP.

(2) 300700H - 1800H SQD PTL FROM CP WEST ON ROUTE 9 TO (XD 994444). SEARCH OUT AREA AND RETURN.

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(3) 300745H - 1915H SQD PTL FROM CP TO (YD 047432)
TO (YD 056434) TO (YD 028455) TO CP.

(4) 291700H - 300800H SQD PTL/AMB FROM AMB SITE
(YD 048422) TO CP.

C. 3/4, 3/9, AND 2/26 CONDUCTED S & D IAW MY PLANNING
MSG FOR 30 MAY: THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND MORNING OF 30 MAY
HILL 174 AND APPROACHES THERE TO WERE HIT BY AIR AND ARTY. AT
1130H: 1/3/4 AND 4/3/4 JUMPED OFF IN THE ATTACK. AT 1245H
"I" MADE THEIR FIRST CONTACT, SAT 1300H "N" MADE THEIR FIRST
CONTACT. THE CONTACT BY THE EN CONSISTED OF S/A, A/W AND
HAND GRENS, ALL OF WHICH CAME FM FORTIFIED BNKRS THESE
BNKRS WERE LATER DETERMINED TO BE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING, COVERED
BY SNIPER FIRE AND 12" TO 18" ABOVE GROUND W/ONLY A SMALL
APERTURE SHOWING. APERTURES WERE ON ALL FOUR SIDES. AS THE
COS ADVANCED THEY WERE UNABLE TO SEE THE BNKRS UNTIL THEY WERE
WITHIN 10 TO 15 MTRS DUE TO CAMOUFLAGE, VEGETATION, AND TREES.
AROUND THESE BNKRS. UPON CONTACT ALL ORGAIC WPNS TO THE BN
WERE FIRED ON THE BNKRS TO NO AVAIL. THIS WAS ATTEMPTED FM
FIRST CONTACT UNTIL LATE IN THE AFTERNOON. AT THIS TIME "I"
AND "N" WERE ORDERED TO WITHDRAW AND ASSUME SAFE PSNS TO THE

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BEST OF OBJ IN ORDER THAT "HEAVY" AIR COULD BE CALLED IN. AIR
DESTROYED SEVERAL BNKRS AND CAUSED NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLSIONS.
UPON COMPLETION OF THE AIR STRIKE AT DARK, 175MM AND 8" WERE
CALLED FOR ON PINPOINT TGT'S DESIG BY THE ATTACKING INFANTRY.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 163 PARA 3.A: AT 1200H
1/3/4 LOC 5 MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BNKRS ATTACK WITH 2 PLT W/1
PLT ENVELOPED AND CONDUCTED SYSTEMATIC DESTRUCTION OF 2 BNKRS.
DUE TO LIMITED FRONTAGE AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTING BNKRS IN
DEPTH COULD NOT DESTROY THIRD BNKR. PULLED BACK OFF OF OBJ TL
PERMIT A/S. RESULT 1 USMC KIA. 27 USMC WIA (4 PREVIOUSLY
REPORTED) AND 2 EN KIA (C).

B. FOLLOW ON TO MY SITREP NR 163 PARA 3.B: AT 1100H 4/3/4
RESUMED ATTACK ON HVT BNKRS AND TUNNEL ON LEFT FINGER OF HILL
174. PREP BY A/S AND ARTY NEG RESULTS. DURING THE ATTACK 4/3/4
DESTROYED 4 BNKRS ON LEFT SIDE OF LARGE MAIN BNKR. 3.5 ROCKETS,
M-26 GRENADE, WP GRENADE, S/A AND MG ENGAGED LARGER BNKR.
THERE WERE 7 DIRECT HITS BY 3.5 ROCKETS WHICH HAD NO EFFECT.
FLAME THROWERS ALSO WERE USED BUT APPERTURES WERE TOO SMALL
FOR FLAME TO GET IN SIDE. SPIDER TRAPS ENCIRCLED LARGER BNKRS

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FOR PROTECTION. AFTER SECOND ATTACK M/3/4 PULLED BACK TO CONSOLIDATE. REPEATED AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON BNKRS, FOLLOWED BY ARTY MISSION FROM 175MM SP AND 8" SP. RESULTS OF CONTACT 18 USMC WIA (12 PREVIOUS REPORTED) 5 EN KIA (C) AND 2 EN KIA (P). CAPTURED 2 AK-47.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 30 MAY 3D MARINES S-2 RECEIVED FROM AN USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT THE HAMLET AND BRIDGE AT (YD 0456) ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ATTACK AND THAT PLANS AND RECON FOR ATTACK HAVE BEEN STARTED. INFO RATED A/2. 3/9 ADDED AND EXTRA SQD PTL IN AREA FOR THE NIGHT.

B. 301700H 3/9. WATER TOWER OP REPORTED VN ICE MAN LEFT MAIN GATE AND PROCEEDED TO VIC OF (YD 049554) ON ROUTE 9 AND STOPPED. HE APPEARED TO EITHER BE PICKING UP OR LEAVING OFF SOMETHING AT SIDE OF THE ROAD. PTL DISPATCHED TO SEARCH AREA AND LOCATED IN GENERAL VIC 1 E- TOOL, 1 POP UP FLARE, 2 FRAG GREN, 1 PONCHO LINER, 1 PLASTIC COATED MAP (NEW TYPE) W/ HILL 252 KIE GIA BRIDGE OP. CIRCLED. USA ADVISOR AND 15TH CIT AT CAM LO ADVISED OF INCIDENT. 3D MAR REQUESTED REVOLUTION OF PASS AND SUBJECT BE QUESTIONED. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.

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C. 301830H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED FOLLOWING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT BY MARINE. AIR FROM 301553H - 301755H: (YD 047674)

4. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, (YD 051681) 18 BNKRS DESTROYED, 16 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND 6 BUNKERS DAAGED

5. PLANS: 3/4, 3/3, AND 2/26 CONTINUE OPN IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 31 MAY 67 DTG 301220Z.

A. ATTACK TO THE SOUTH AS FOLLOWS:

B. 3/4 MOVE SOUTH WESTERLY IN TRACE OF 2/26 UNTIL THEY ARE IN PSN IN THEIR OWN ZOA TO ATTACK ON SE TO NE AXIS, OR CONTINUE THE ATTACK SOUTH IN THEIR OWN ZOA ON ORDER. ADDITIONALLY, 3/4 PSN 1 COMPANY VIC OF HILL 174 TO SWEEP THROUGH OBJ AREA UPON COMPLETION OF AIR AND ARTY PREPS.

C. UPON COMPLETION OF OWN PREPARATION FIRES, 2/26 ATTACK SOUTH IN ZOA AT 0700H. MAINTAINING POSTURE TO MUTUALLY SUPPORT ATTACK BY 3/4 IF REQUIRED.

D. UPON COMPLETION OF OWN PREPARATION AT 0700H MAINTAINING PSNS TO SUPPORT 2/26 AND / OR 3/4 IF REQUIRED.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

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- (1) 14 KIA
- (2) 146 WIA
- (3) 0 MIA

B. ENEMY

- (1) 34 KIA (C), 34 KIA (P)
- (2) 26 DETAINEES (6 UNCLASSIFIED, 1 VCS) 10 REFUGEES.
- (3) 0 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC) 0 REL (NVA), 1 RET (VC).

C. CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

- (4) INDIV WPNS 12 CREW SERVED WPNS 0, TOTAL 12.

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THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

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ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES

ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN

ZEN/CO B THIRD TH BN

ZEN/SECOND BN NINTY FOURTH ARTY USA

ZEN/TRY C FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA

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OPN FRAMIE IV

SITREP NR 165 AS OF 310600H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 3/3:

(1) 1/3/3 302000H-310615H 900 PTL/AMB (X 970574)

(2) 1/3/3 301600H-310730H 900 PTL/AMB (XD985500)

(3) 1/3/3 301912H-310730H 900 PTL/AMB (XD963540)

301830H-310730H 900 PTL/AMB (XD975510)

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 301921H REF BY SITREP NR 163 PARA 4.E. GEAR TO BE FWD TO G-2. INTERPRETERS STATES PAPER AND BOOKS ARE FOR SCHOOL ONI ALSO FOUND 1 FAMILY CERT. CANTEN HAD "X-54" SCRATCHED ON IT MANY ADD BUNKERS FOUND. EST REGT BYDUAC AREA. BNKR LOC IN HEDGECOWS. BNKR ARRANGED IN 300 DEG AND SQUARES W/FIGHTING HOLES ALONG SIDE. NOOCHES W/BUNKERS IN 350 DEG AROUND NOOCHES FIGHTING HOLES IN OUTER 300 DEG AND SCATTERED FIGHTING HOLES POSS USED AS LP AND OP COMPLEX.

B. LATE ENTRY: 301923H 3 HEMP SACKS W/CHINESE WRITINGS FOR WITHIN 349 AREA (YD107667). SACKS TO BE FWD TO G-2.

5. PLANS: NO CHANGE

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OPN PRAIRIE IV

SITREP NR 166 AS OF 311200H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT

I/3/4 (YD 070690)

L/3/4 (YD 066668) MOVING TO (YD 058666)

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3/9 (YD 108670)

K/3/9 (YD 108667)

L/3/9 (YD 102672)

M/3/9 (YD 043672)

E/2/26 (YD 086660)

G/2/26 (YD 072652)

H/2/26 (YD 064656)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. 3/9

(1) I/3/3 301930H-310645H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 007564)

(2) K/3/3 302100H-310730H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 031531)

302030H-310845H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 082578)

302030H-310745H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 081534)

302230H-310700H SQD PTL/AMB (YD 042566)

3. CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 310700H 3/4 AND 2/26 COMMENCED MOVEMENT IAW MY PLANNING

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B. 310911H W/2/26 SECURED REGT OBJ NR. 8 (YD 066655)

C. 310935H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

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BY MARINE AIR FM 310630H-310849H: (YD 051681) 7 BNKRS DESTROYED,
 (YD 051681) 2 BNKRS DAMAGED, (YD 043643) 10NKERS DESTROYED, 10
 BNKRS DAMAGED.

D. 310950H E/2/26 SECURED OBJ "N" (YD 067660)

5. PLANS: NO CHANGE.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NO CHANGE.

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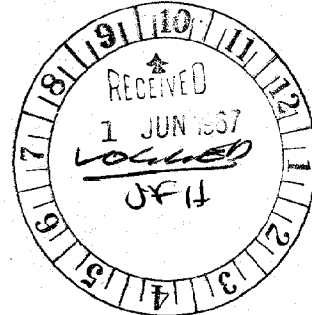
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S E C R E T
 OPN PRAIRIE IV
 SITREP NR 167 AS OF 311800H MAY 67
 1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
 A. 3/4 (YD 074675)
 I/3/4 (YD 072678)

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- K/3/4 (YD 074675)
- L/3/4 (YD 058665)
- M/3/4 (YD 073682)
- B. 3/9 (YD 107669)
- L/3/9 (YD 088664)
- K/3/9 YD 108667)
- M/3/9 (YD 083664)
- C. 2/26 (YD 082662)
- E/2/26 (YD 080653)
- F/2/26 (YD 082662)
- G/2/26 (YD 072635)
- H/2/26 (YD 062644)
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:
- A. 3/4, 2/26 AND 3/9(-) CONDUCTED OPN IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 31 MAY 67.
- B. 3/3
- (1) I/3/3 310700H-1630H SQD PTL
 311115H-1515H SQD PTL
- (2) M/3/3 310645H-1600H SQD PTL.
- C. 3/9

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(1) 1/3/9 310815H-1630 H SQD PTL.

310730H-1430H SQD PTL.

(2) 1/3/3 310745H-1830H SQD PTL.

D. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES: 1/3/12 1 USMC BURNS. MED EVAC
REF PARA 4C.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

7. 4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: 310745H ETC ETC ETC

A. LATE ENTRY: 310745H 1/2/26 (YD 067664) LOC AA PSN FOR 2 AA
GUNS, BOMB SHELTER LOC BESIDE EACH GUN PSN. 1 OF THE SHELTERS HAD
6 BOXES OF AMMO CAL UNK. SURROUNDING THE PSN WAS A PERIMETER 75
MTRS IN DIAM W/7 BNKRS 6X4X4 FTW/LOG AND DIRT ROOFS, AND APPROX
20 FIGHTING HOLES 3X2X3 FT. AREA SHOWED NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE.
BNKRS DESTROYED. SAMPLE OF AMMO WILL BE FORWARDED TO G-2 W/THE
REST DESTROYED.B. LATE ENTRY: 311000H 1/3/9 PTL LOC BNKR COMPLEX (YD 109668-
109665). DESTROYED TOTAL OF 89 BNKRS AND 1 SNIPER PSN IN TREE. ALSO
LOC SCRAP OF PAPER W/WRITING ON IT WHICH APPEARED TO BE FIRE PLAN AND
A CODE OF NUMBERS. PAPER FWD TO G-2.C. LATE ENTRY: 311035H SOP BA LONG (YD 162401) REPORTED MARINES
ON 1/3/12 FELL INTO FIRE WHILE BURNING POWER INCREMENTS RECD
2D DEGREE BURNS OVER 60 PCT OF HIS BODY. MED EVAC COMPLETED 311120
2D DEGREE BURNS OVER 60 PCT OF HIS BODY. MED-EVAC COMPLETED 311120H.

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INVESTIGATING OFF APPOINTED. RESULTS WILL BE FWD BY ADMIN CHANNELS.

D. 311100H 1/3/9 (REAR) (YD 063551) UNOCCUPIED SUPPLY TENT IN
1/3/9 AREA BURST INTO FLAMES FM AN UNK SOURCE AND IMMED SPREAD TO
TENTS ON BOTH SIDES, WHICH WERE CO SUPPLY TENT AND CO OFFICE. ALL
3 TENTS WERE A TOTAL LOSS. ALL AVAILABLE PERS FORMED A BUCKET
BRIGADE TO PREVENT SPREAD OF THE FIRE TO SURROUNDING TENTS. TOTAL
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WILL BE FORWARDED BY NORMAL CHANNELS.E. 311130H 1/2/26 (YD 066654) LOC A TALL TREE W/TRUNK MARKED
AS MARKER OR AIMING STAKE IN CENTER OF CLEARED AREA W/10 BNKRS SET
IN PERIMETER AROUND TOPOGRAPHICAL CREST OF PSN. MARKER AND BNKRS DEST.
SEARCHED AREA FURTHER W/NEG RESULTS.F. 311330H 1/3/9 (YD 095668) FND 2 BNKRS AND 1 MORT PIT.
CONTINUING SEARCH OF AREA. WILL DESTROY BNKRS AND PIT.G. 311435H 1/3/9 PTL (YD 029555) FND 7 EN ONE-MAN BNKRS EST
SIX OR MORE MONTHS OLD. 4 EN ONE-MAN BNKRS W/TIN ROOFS APPEARED
TO BE 1 MONTH OLD. BNKRS WERE 2X4X4 FT. ALSO FND 1 M-72. DEST
BNKRS AND M-72 W/C-4.H. 311445H 1/3/4 (YD 056672) LOC BNKR COMPLEX. THERE WERE 15
BNKRS IN COMPLEX, LARGEST WAS 12X2X4 FT, ALL HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED

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W/FIRE LANES CUT AROUND AREA. BNKRS DESTROYED.

1. 311525H L/3/9 AND M/3/9 SECURED REG'L OBJ 3 (YD 888665).
 5. PLANS: 3/9 (REAR) AND 3/3 MAINTAIN DEF PSN. CONDUCT PTL/AMB
 IN ASSIGNED AREA. 3/9(-), 2/26, 3/4 CONTINUE EXECUTION OF OPN
 IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR 31 MAY 67.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) 13 KIA
- (2) 117 WIA
- (3) 0 MIA

B. ENEMY

- (1) 27 KIA (C), 32 KIA (P)
 - (2) 26 DETAINEES (6 UNCLASSIFIED, 1 VCS), 10 REFUGEES
 - (3) 0 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 0 RET (NVA), 1 RET (VC),
- 8 CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

(4) INDIV WPNS 10, CREW SERVED WPNS 0, TOTAL 10

7. ARVN/USMC OPNS: NONE

8. RECOVERY OF US MATERIAL: NONE

9. SCOUT-SNIPER TEAMS: 3D MAR EMPLOYED 7 TMS:

7 A. 3 TMS W/CAC PLT NR 6

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B. 1 TM W/3/9 (D-5).

C. 3 TMS W/HQ CO 3D MAR

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OPN PRAIRIE IV FINAL SITREP NR 168 AS OF 312400H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE EXCEPT W/2/26 PSN (YD071636)

2. SUMMARY OF OPNS:

A. 3D MAR CONDUCTED EXECUTION OF OPN PRAIRIE IV AT 312400H.

B. SOP BA LONG: 1/3/9 CONDUCTED 1 DAYLIGHT AND 2 DAYLIGHT/
NIGHT PTL DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS.PAGE TWO 092U **S E C R E T**

(1) 301600H-310800H SQD PTL/AMB FM AMB SITE (YD 137427)

TO CP.

(2) 310900H-311430H SQD PTL FM CP (YD152410) TO

(YD132415) TO CP.

(3) 311615H-010900H SQD PTL/AMB FM CP TO (YD176399)

TO AMB SITE (YD180385) CONTINUE PTL AT FIRST LIGHT

C. CA LU CP: L/3/3 CONDUCTED 2 DAYLIGHT AND 2 DAYLIGHT/NIGHT
PTL DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS.

(1) 301930H-310600H SQD PTL/AMB FM AMB SITE (YD003575)

TO CP.

(2) 310600H-311800H SQD PTL FM CP TO (XD972465) TO

(XD984438) TO CP.

(3) 310615H-1730H SQD PTL FM CP TO (YD000450) TO (YD005445)

TO CP.

(4) 311630H-010630H SQD PTL/AMB FM CP TO (YD 992494) TO

AMB SITE (YD015485) CONTINUE PTL AT FIRST LIGHT.

D. THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND MORNING OF 31 MAY, REGT^L AND BN
OBJ'S WERE HIT BY AIR AND ARTY. AT 0700H 2/26 AND 3/9 JUMPED OFF
IN THE ATTACK TO THE SOUTH IN THE ZOA. 3/4 HELD UP PENDING THE
OUTCOME OF W/3/4 PTL TO HILL 174. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE AFTERNOON
MIKE REACHED THEIR OBJ WITH NO CONTACT. AFTER SEARCHING OBJ
COMMENCED THEIR MOVE EAST TO 2/55 ZOA FOR CONTINUATION OF THE
ATTACK. NO CONTACT WITH THE EN FORCES HAS BEEN MADE THROUGHOUT

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THE DAY.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: 311315H M/3/3 PTL (XD961514) DISC 4 BNKRS 4X4X3 FT W/BAMBOO AND DIRT COVERING, APPROX 1 MONTH OLD. ALSO HEARD DIGGING NOISES. PTL CALLED ARTY MSN. AREA WILL BE CHECKED AT 1ST LIGHT ON 1JUN67 BY PLT PTL. HBY H&I PLANNED FOR THE AREA THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

B. LATE ENTRY: 311430H M/3/4 (YD065568) LOC 1 DEAD BODY BELIEVED TO BQ

NA VN LAYING APPROX 100 MTRS OFF TRAIL. REMAINS CONSISTED OF SKELETON W/HAIR EST DEAD APPROX 2 MONTHS. CAUSE OF DEATH UNK.

C. LATE ENTRY: 311440H G/2/26 (YD070636) TRIPPED CLAYMORE TYPE MINE, APPARENTLY DETONATED BY TRIP WIRE. MED EVAC COMPLETED 311455H. RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

D. LATE ENTRY: 311525H G/2/26 (YD070635) MARINE TRIPPED

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CHICOM GREW CAMOUFLAGED BY TALL GRASS. TRIP WIRE APPROX 5 FT LONG. MED EVAC COMPLETED 311549H. RESULTS: 2 USMC WIA.

E. LATE ENTRY: 311600H (YD054681) DURING SWEEP OF FINGER OF HILL 174 M/3/4 LOC 7 BNKRS CONNECTED BY TUNNEL. 1 BNKR WAS 4X9X12 FT W/THICK COVER. OTHER 6 BNKRS DESTROYED.

F. 311751H M/3/4 (YD072673) LOC EN HARBOR SITE, EST CO SIZE. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED HO CHI MINH SANDALS, BLACK GARMENTS, STRIPS OF PLASTIC, AND NVA MESS GEAR. ALL GEAR WILL BE FWD TO G-2.

G. 311800H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED FOLLOWING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT BY MARINE AIR STRIKES FM 310623H-310849H: (YD051681) 7 BNKRS DEST; (YD051681) 2 BNKRS DEST; (YD043643) 3 BNKRS DEST, 2 BNKRS DAMAGED; (YD043643) 7 BNKRS DEST, 8 BNKRS DAMAGED.

H. 311805H 3D MAR ALSO REPORTED FOLLOWING DAMAGE ASSESSMENT BY MARINE AIR STRIKES FM 311505H-311703H: (YD043644) 3 BNKRS DEST; (YD038695) 4 EN KIA (C), 10 KIA (P); (YD036692) 2 EN KIA (P); 7 BNKRS DAMAGED, 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION; (YD036695) 3 BNKRS DEST, 4 BNKRS DAMAGED; (YD038695) 2 BNKRS DEST, 8 BNKRS DAMAGED; (YD034644) 1 BNKR DEST, 9 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS; (YD030688) 8 BNKRS DEST, 9 BNKRS DAMAGED, 2 SECONDARIES; (YD030668) 5 BNKRS

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I. 312106H 0/2/26 (YD071645) OBS SEVERAL LIGHTS UNKIN APPEARED TO BE MOVING SE VIC (YD078636). LIGHTS APPEARED TO BE TORCHES AND FLASH LIGHTS AND OBS AS MANY AS 6 AT ONE TIME. ARTY MSN FIRED WITH XANT TOT COVERAGE. LIGHTS EXTINGUISHED. WILL SEARCH AREA AT 1ST LIGHT.

J. 312110H 2/L/3/4 (YD059666) RECD 1 INCOMING GREN APPROX 10 MTRS OUTSIDE PERIMETER. PERIMETER ALERTED. NO CASUALTIES OCCURED.

K. 312130H K/3/9 (YD106672) LP HEARD HBY MOVEMENT IN BRUSH. FIRED 10 RDS 60MM MORT, 15 RDS 105MM HE AND 20 RDS 81MM MORT. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

L. 312145H I/3/9 (YD096515) OBS FLASHING LIGHTS VIC (YD074495). FIRED MSN W/MORTS. WILL PIPE H&I THOROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

M. 312155H M/3/4 (YD072662) OBS AND HEARD EN MOVEMENT APPROX 50 MTRS NORTH OF LINES IN TREE LINE FIRED 2 M-79 RDS AND THREW 1 M-26 GREN. RESULTS UNK. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

N. 212330H I/K/3/4 (YD073672) OBS MOVEMENT TO THEIR LEFT. THREW 2 M-26 GREN. RESULTS UNK. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

5. PLANS: COMMENCE EXECUTION OF OPN CIMARON AT 010001H JUN 67. 3/4, 3/9(-), AND 2/26 CONDUCTED S&D OPN IAW MY PLANNING MSG FOR

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1 JUN 67 DTG 311231Z MAY 67.

A. 3/4: CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO THE SOUTH IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THEIR ZOA TO SEIZE REGT'L OBJ 15. PATROLLING OUT TO A MAX ON AN EAST WEST AXIS TO 1000 MTRS. TO SIX THE ENEMY. WHEN CONTACTS IS MADE PULL BACK AND HAMMER THE AREA W/AIR AND ARTY WHILE CONTINUING SOUTH. BE PREPARED TO REINF 2/26 IF REQ.

B. 2/26: CONTINUE THE ATTACK SOUTH IN THEIR ZOA TO SEIZE REGT'L OBJ 16. BE PREPARED TO REINF 3/4 OR 3/9 IF REQ.

C. 3/9: CONTINUE THE ATTACK SOUTH IN THEIR ZOA TO SEIZE REGT'L OBJ 9. BE PREPARED TO REINF 2/26 IF REQ.

D. ALL UNITS JUMP OFF AT 010700H JUN 67.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY

- (1) 15 KIA
- (2) 152 WIA
- (3) 0 MIA

B. ENEMY

- (1) 34 KIA (C), 34 KIA (P)
- (2) 26 DETAINEES (6 UNCLASSIFIED, 1 VCS), 10 REFUGEES
- (3) 0 PW (NVA), 1 PW (VC), 0 RET (NVA), 1 RET (VC),

0 CIVIL DEFENDENTS, 17 INNOCENT CIVILIANS

- (4) INDIV WPNS 12, CREW SERVED WPNS 0, TOTAL 12.

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OPERATION PRAIRIE IV SITREP 103, 151200H - 151600H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

- A. CP/1/9, A/1/9 - YD 133678
 B. B/1/9 - YD 115674
 C. C/1/9 - YD 134668
 D. D/1/9 - YD 115677
 E. G/1/46 ARTY AND F/2/9 - YD 155615
 F. CP, E, G, C, H/2/26 - YD 137632
 G. CP, K, I, M/3/9 - YD 115616

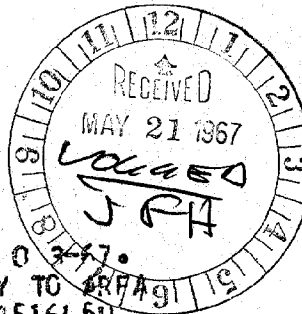
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2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

- A. 1/4 (-) CONTINUED OPNS 1AW 9TH MAR OP 0 347.
 B. F/2/9 AND C/1/46 ARTY MOVED BY CONVOY TO AREA NORTH OF CAM LO AT 151420H. ARRIVED AT 151645H.
 C. 1/9 CONTINUED OPNS 1AW SITREP 91.
 D. 2/26 APPROVED DONG HA COMBAT BASE AT 151455H BY CONVOY. DEPARTED DONG HA COMBAT BASE AT 151630H FOR CAM LO AREA.
 E. 2/26 CHOPPED OPCON TO 9TH MAR AT 151600H. AND MOVED TO ATTACK POSITION VIC OF YD 137632.
 F. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED DURING THE PAST SIX HOURS:

UNIT	SIZE	TOR	COORD	ACTIVITY
CAP P-1	SQD	151600H	YD 123596	PATROL
CAP P-3	SQD	151300H	YD 178587	PATROL
12TH MAR	SQD	151300H	YD 225600	PATROL
CAP P-2	SQD	151600H	YD 275573	PATROL

G. 3/9 CHOPPED OPCON TO 9TH MARINES AT 151600H AND MOVED TO ATTACK POSITION VIC YD 115616.

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H. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMPUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. D/1/9 AT 151100H VIC YD 113675 REC HEAVY SA AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE WHILE MEDEVAC IN PROGRESS. MEDEVAC WAVED OFF. PET FIRE W/60MM, ARTY, M-79 AND SA. PES 4 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 76.

B. CAP P2 AT 151230H REPORTED 1 USMC M-55 SP HOWITZER HIT AN ELECTRICALLY DETONATED MINE COMPOSED OF 4, 155MM RDS, PAT REC 75 TO 100 RDS SA FIRE, FROM THE WEST. WRECKER DISPATCHED TO RETRIEVE M-55. QUAD 54 TO ASSIST. GUNSHIP ON STATION. PES 1 USMC WIA (NONEVAC). REF SHOVE JOURNAL 106 AND 75.

C. P/1/9 AT 151145H VIC YD 116674 REC 5 PDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. PET FIRE W/SA, 60MM AND M-79. RES 11 USMC WIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 178.

D. D/1/9 RECOVERED 1 MIA PREVIOUSLY REP IN SHOVE JOURNAL 7 AND 157. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 103. PES DELETE 1 USMC MIA.

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F. 1/4 AT 151405H VIC YD 115694 REC 5 TO 6 82MM MORTAR RDS AND 3 INCOMING ARTY RDS. PET FIRE W/81MM MORTAPS. RES UNK. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 119.

F. 1/4 AT 151450H VIC YD 114700 REC 3 INCOMING RECOILLESS RIFLE RDS FST 82MM AND 4 82MM MORTAR PDS. PET FIRE W/81MM MORTARS RES 1 USMC WIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 122.

G. B/1/9 AT 151400H VIC YD 115678 REC APPROX 20 RDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE. PET FIRE W/APTY. PES 1 USMC KIA, 10 USMC WIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 130.

H. B/1/9 AT 151540H VIC YD 114675 REC 20 PDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE FROM YD 112664. AIR STRIKE CALLED RES 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (NONEVAC). REF SHOVE JOURNAL 136.

I. 1/4 (-) AT 151555H VIC YD 114700 REC 2 INCOMING ARTY RDS. NO CAY. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 128.

J. B/1/9 AT 151304H VIC YD 114675 REC SPORADIC 82MM MORTAR FIRE FROM UNK POS. CALLED AD AND FAC. PES 2 USMC KIA AND 4 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). REF SHOVE JOURNAL 141.

K. 1/4 (-) AT 151610H VIC YD 114700 REC 2 INCOMING ARTY

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RDS FROM NORTH LOCATION AND CALIBER UNK. 1 USMC WIA (NONEVAC). REF SHOVE JOURNAL 143.

L. D/1/9 IN ACTION REF IN SITREP 102, PARA 3, SIB-PARA E AND SHOVE JOURNAL 74 AND 103. ATTACK ALSO WAS CARRIED WITH ATTACK BY 25 CHICOM GRENADS. REF SHOVE JOURNAL 142.

M. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. 1/4(-) WILL CONTINUE OPNS 1AW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67.

B. 1/9 WILL CONTINUE OPNS 1AW SITREP 91.

C. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE ARRIVAL DONG HA COMBAT BASE BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

D. F/2/9 AND C/1/40 ARTY CONTINUE OPNS 1AW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67.

E. 3/9(-) WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITION. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE FRAG ORDER.

F. 2/26 WILL MAINT PRESENT POSITION. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE FRAG ORDER.

G. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE FRAG ORDER, AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF

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OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY: 90 KIA

554 WIA

2 MIA

FN WPN'S CAP OR DES: 89

INDIV WPN'S: 46

CREW-SERVED: 79

ENEMY: 339 KIA (CONF)

384 KIA (PROB)

63 DETAINEES

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT

UNIT NO OF TEAMS NO EMPLOYED COORD

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OPERATION PRAIRIE VI SITREP #104, 151600H-152400H MAY 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. CP 1/4 M 3/9 - YD 140614

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 1/4 (-) CONTINUED OPNS 1AW 9TH MAR OP 0 3-67.

B. 5/2/9 AND C/142BARTY PROVIDED REINFORCING AMPL FOR
IN NORTH OF CAMLO.

C. 1/9 CONTINUED OPNS 1AW SITREP #01.

D. 2/26 REMAINED IN ATTACK POSITION VIC YD 137602.

E. 3/9 (-) MOVED TO ATTACK POSITION VIC YD 140614.

F. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED DURING
THE PAST 24 HOURS:

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UNIT SIZE AIR COOPD ACTIVITY

1AC P-1 SQD 1/4 M 122501 AMBUSH

N G. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED
AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED
AREA OF OPERATIONS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 151745H - 151810H 1/4 CP VIC YD 116700 RECEIVED
INCOMING RECOILESS RIFLE ROS FROM UNK POSITION. RETURNED
FIRE W/ARTY. NEG CASUALTIES. RESULTS UNK. REF SHOVE
JOURNAL #169.B. AT 152015H 1/4 M 122501 AMBUSH VIC YD 258578 RECEIVED AM
FIRE FROM APPROX 2 DR 1 MPMS. NEG CASUALTIES. AMBUSH
POSITION HAS BEEN CHANGED. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #178.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. REFER SHOVE JOURNAL #178. MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:
30 USMC WIA (22 MEDICAL) VICE 17 USMC WIA AS PREVIOUSLY RE-
PORTED. 1 MIA (1/4 M 122501) 3 MIA (1/4 M 122501) 6 MIA (1/4 M 122501)
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5. PLANS

- A. 1/4(-) WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67
- B. 1/9 WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW SITREP #91.
- C. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE ARRIVAL DONG HA COMBAT BASE BY
 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.
- D. E/2/9 AND C/1/40 APTY CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP
 O 3-67.
- E. 3/9 (-) WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITION. BE PREPARED
 TO EXECUTE FRAG ORDER.
- F. 2/26 EXECUTES FRAG ORDER.
- G. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS. BE
 PREPARED TO EXECUTE FRAG ORDER AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE COMBAT
 PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY:	90 KIA	ENEMY WPNS CAPTURED OR	
	574 WIA	DESTROYED:	100
ENEMY:	339 KIA (CONF)	INDIVIDUAL WPNS:	71
	384 KIA (PROB)	CREW-SERVED:	33
	63 DETAINEES		

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THIRD MARINES
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THIRD BN (-), NINTH MARINES
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ZEN/FIRST BN, FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA
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OPERATION PRAIRIE IV SITREP # 105, 152400H-160600H MAY 67.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 1/4 (-) CONTINUED OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67.
B. F/2/9 & C/1/40 ARTY PROVIDED REINFORCING ARTY FOR UNITS
OPERATING NORTH OF CAM LO.

C. 1/9 CONTINUED OPNS IAW SITREP # 91.

D. 2/26 REMAINED IN ATTACK POSITION VIC YD 147623.

E. 3/9 (-) REMAINED IN ATTACK POSITION VIC YD 140614.

F. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED DURING
THE PAST SIX HOURS.

UNIT	SIZE	TOR	COORD	ACTIVITY
A/1/9	SGD	160200H	YD 122503	AMBUSH
11TH ENG	SGD	160600H	YD 217505	AMBUSH
CAP-2	SGD	160100H	YD 283570	AMBUSH

G. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED
AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR AS SIGNED AREA
OF OPNS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. CAP-P1 AT 160035H VIC OF YD 275578 RECD'D 300 RDS OF
INCOMING SA FIRE FROM SE AND NW OF POSITION. CALLED ARTY.
ILLUMINATION, USED SA. RESULTS UNKNOWN. 1 USMC WIA (NON
MDEVAC) AND PF KIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #6.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 1/9 150001H TO 152400H CORRECTION TO CUMULATIVE LOSSES
ADD 12 USMC WIA (NON MDEVAC) AND DELETE 2 USMC KIA FROM
CUMULATIVE LOSSES. RESULT OF ERRONEOUS REPORTING. REF SHOVE
JOURNAL #14.

5. PLANS

A. 1/4 (-) WILL CONDUCT OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67, & FRAG
O 3-67.

B. 1/9 WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67, FRAG O 3-67 &
SITREP #91.

C. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE ARRIVAL DONG HA COMBAT BASE BY FIXED
WING AIR.

D. F/2/9 AND C/1/40 ARTY CONTINUED OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67
AND FRAG O 3-67.

E. 3/9 (-) EXECUTES FRAG O 3-67.

F. 2/26 EXECUTES FRAG O 3-67.

G. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT
AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA
OF OPNS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY:	28 KIA	ENEMY WPNS CAPTURED OR
	589 WIA	DESTROYED - 144
ENEMY:	339 KIA (CONF) INDIVIDUAL WPNS:	71
	384 KIA (PROP) CREW-SERVED WPNS:	23
	63 DETAINEES	

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/FIRST BN NINTH MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN (-), FOURTH MARINES

THIRD MARINES

ZEN/SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

THIRD BN (-), NINTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA

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OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, SITREP 106, 160600H - 161200H MAY 67.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. CP, A/1/9 YD 139679

B. D/1/9 YD 123674

C. C/1/9 YD 132637

D. CP/3/9 YD 124634

E. K/3/9 YD 130635

F. L/3/9 YD 127635

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G. E/2/26 YD 141702

H. F/2/26 YD 137676

I. G/2/26 YD 136645

J. H/2/26 YD 133628

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 1/4 (-) CONTINUED CPNS IAW 5TH MAR OP 03-67.

B. E/2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY AND C/1/40 ARTY PROVIDED REINFORCING ARTY FOR UNITS NORTH CAM LO.

C. ASSUMED OPCON 3/4 AT 151600H MAY 67.

D. 2/26 ATTACKING TO NORTH.

E. 3/9 (-) ATTACKING TO NORTH.

F. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED IN THE PAST SIX HOURS.

UNIT SIZE TOR COORD ACTIVITY

11TH ENGR SQD 1115 YD 225580 PATROL

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. (LATE ENTRY) AT 151830H-151850H 1/4 VIC YD 115702 REC'D 2 INCOMING ST RECOLLESS RIFLE RDS. CRATER ANALYSIS INDICATE RDS CAME FROM N AND NW. NEG. CASUALTIES. REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 47.

B. AT 160805H G/2/26 REPORTED TANK HIT MINE, 1 USMC KIA

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(NONEVAC) REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 44.

C. AT 160810H-160819H 1/9 CP RECEIVED 2 INCOMING RECOILESS RIFLE RDS. CALLED IN ARTY MISSION. RESULTS UNK. REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 53.

D. AT 160842H TO 160906H 1/4 CP VIC YD 115702 REC'D 2 RDS UNK CAL RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE. REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 53.

E. AT 160925H 1/4 REPORTED 1 FRIENDLY, BELIEVED TO BE USMC, STEPPED IN MINEFIELD. 1 KIA. (THIS CASUALTY WILL NOT BE INCLUDED UNTIL IDENTIFICATION IS MADE.) REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 56.

F. AT 160945H D/1/9 VIC YD 122678 REC'D 4 82MM MORTARS TO REAR OF LAST UNIT. NEG CASUALTIES. REFER SHOVE JOURNAL 357.

5. PLANS

A. 1/4 (-) WILL CONDUCT OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND FRAG O 3-67.

B. 1/9 WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND SITREP 91.

C. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE ARRIVAL DONG HA COMBAT BASE BY FIXED AIR WING.

D. E/2/9 AND C/1/40 ARTY CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND FRAG O 3-67.

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E. 3/9 (-) EXECUTES FRAG O 3-67.

F. 2/26 EXECUTES FRAG O 3-67.

G. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY: 88 KIA ENEMY WEAPONS: NO CHANGE.

590 WIA

ENEMY 339 KIA (CONF)

384 KIA (PROB)

63 DETAINEES

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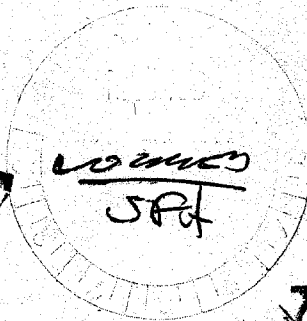
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FM NINTH MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO ZEN/FIRST BN NINTH MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN (-), FOURTH MARINES
THIRD MARINES

ZEN/SECOND BN, TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

THIRD BN (-), NINTH MARINES

ZEN/THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES

ZEN/FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY, USA

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OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, SITREP #107, 161200H-161000H MAY 67.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. RP BATTERY YD 147614
 B. E/2/9 YD 147614
 C. C/1/4 YD 147614
 D. B/1/12 YD 147614
 E. A/3RD TKS YD 147614
 F. 9TH MAP HQ YD 147614

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G. 1/3/9 YD 123566
 H. K/3/9 YD 121661
 I. 1/3/9 YD 121661
 J. M/3/9 YD 121661
 K. A/3/9 YD 122678
 L. B/3/9 YD 123674
 M. D/3/9 YD 123674
 N. C/3/9 YD 122678
 O. E/2/26 YD 126745
 P. F/2/26 YD 145697
 Q. G/2/26 YD 147602
 R. H/2/26 YD 125663
 S. 2/9(-) YD 140613

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. 1/4(-) CONTINUED OPNS TAV 9TH MAP OP D 3-67.
 B. E/2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY AND C/1/40 ARTY PROVIDED
 REINFORCING FIRES FOR UNITS OPERATING NORTH OF CAM LO.
 C. 3/4 MAINTAINED POSITION AT DONG HA COMBAT BASE.
 D. 2/26 ATTACKING TO NORTH TAV FRAC U 3-67.
 E. 3/9(-) ATTACKING TO NORTH TAV FRAC U 3-67.

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F. 2/9(-) ATTACKING TO NORTH LAW FRAG D 3-67.

G. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. 1/1/9 AT 161055H VIC OF YD 123676 RECEIVED 7 IN-
COMING RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE. RETURNED FIRE W APTY. RESULTS
UNK. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #70.B. 1/9 AT 161135H VIC OF YD 131669 RECEIVED UNKNOWN NUMBER
OF 82MM MORTAR RDS. AND 150 RDS OF SAQ FIRE. MORTAR LOCATED
AT YD 128665. NO CASUALTIES. REF SHOVE JOURNAL

L #88 & #100.

C. 1/4 AT 161315 VIC OF YD 124692 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM HEAVILY
FORTIFIED ENEMY BUNKERS AND TRENCHES. RETURNED FIRE. SWEEP
AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. REF SHOVE #103.

D. CP 1/4 AT 161056H RECEIVED 2 INCOMING RDS OF ARTY

FIRE. AND 1 RECOILESS R

FLE RD. FROM NORTH. POSITION AND CAL
UNKNOWN. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #90.E. 1/4 AT 161120H VIC OF YD 125693 RECEIVED HEAVY AW
WNPS FIRE. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. NEG RESULTS. REF SHOVE
JOURNAL #101.

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F. CAP-22 AT 160830H VIC OF YD 278575 RECEIVED 150 TO
200 RDS OF WE SA FIRE AND CALLED ARTY MISSION ON VC OB-
SERVATION POST. NEG RESULTS. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #99.G. CP 1/9 AT 161410H VIC OF YD 131679 RECEIVED 1 RD SNIPER
FIRE. SEARCHED AREA NEG RESULTS. 1 USMC KIA (NON MEDEVAC).
REF SHOVE JOURNAL #107.H. 1/4 AT 161355 VIC OF YD 115702 LVTH -6 FIRED ON SUSPECTED
ENEMY POSITION. GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. RESULTS UNK. REF SHOVE
JOURNAL #127.I. CP 1/4 AT 161538H VIC OF YD 115702 RECEIVED 26 RDS IN-
COMING ARTY. CAL UNK. RETURNED FIRE WITH APTY AND AIR STRIKE.
RESULTS: 4 USMC KIA (1 MEDEVAC) REF SHOVE JOURNAL #129J. CP 1/4 AT 152041H VIC OF YD 115702 PICKED UP ENEMY
MOVEMENTS ON AN/TPS21. ARTY MISSION FIRED WITH GOOD TARGET
COVERAGE. RES UNKNOWN. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #131.K. 1/4 AT 161800H VIC YD 115702 RECEIVED 15 RDS INCOMING
ARTY, 2 RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE. SUSPECTED 100MM FROM NORTH.
CALLED AIR STRIKES - GOOD EFFECT ON TARGET. SECONDARY
EXPLOSIONS ON HILL #46. 1 USMC KIA (MEDEVAC). REF SHOVE
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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 2/26 AT 161115H VIC OF YD 133635 FOUND 2 CHICOM GRENADES AND CARRIER. 1 NVA CARTRIDGE BELT.

EQUIPMENT WAS ALONG SIDE OF TRAIL AND APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED OR HIDDEN. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #60.

B. 1/4 AT 160925 VIC OF YD 115762 MADE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF MARINE REPORTED KIA IN MINE FIELD. REF SITREP #106 AND SHOVE JOURNAL #56, RESULTS: 1 USMC KIA. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #56, #102 AND SITREP #106.

C. 1/9 AT 160854H VIC OF YD 117672, REF SHOVE JOURNAL #11 OF 15 MAY 1967. ALL EQUIPMENT FROM DOWNED HELICOPTER INCLUDING ALL ELECTRONICS HAS BEEN SMASHED AND/OR DESTROYED. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #11 OF 15 MAY 67. AND JOURNAL #108.

D. 1/4 AT 161330H RECD'D A INNOVING ARTY RDS. FROM NORTH. CALIBER AND POSITION UNKNOWN. RETURNED FIRE WITH ARTY, RESULTS UNKNOWN. REF SHOVE JOURNAL #128.

5. PLANISM

A. 1/4(-) WILL CONDUCT OPNS AW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND FRAG O 3-67

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5. PLANISM

A. 1/4(-) WILL CONDUCT OPNS AW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND FRAG O 3-67.

B. 1/9 WILL

CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67. AND SITREP #91.

C. 3/4 WILL MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITION AT LONG HA COMBAT BASE.

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D. E/2/9 AND C/1/40 ARTY CONTINUE OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67 AND FRAG O 3-67.

F. 3/9 (-) AND 2/26 WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW FRAG O 3-67.

F. 2/9(-) WILL CONTINUE OPNS IAW FRAG O 3-67.

F. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY KIA 596 WIA

ENEMY: 339 KIA (CONF)

384 KIA (PROB)

63 DETAINEES

ENEMY WPNS CAPTURED OR

DESTROYED:

INDIVIDUAL WPNS:

CREW-SERVED:

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7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NO. OF TEAMS	NO EMPLOYED	COORD	RESULTS
HQ CO	4	4		4 TEAMS ATT

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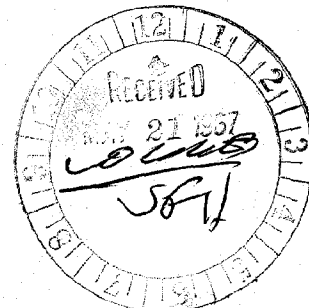
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 ZEN/FIRST BN FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA
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OPERATION PRAIRIE IV, SITREP 108, 161800H - 162400H MAY67.

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

- A. 2/9(-) YO 137613
- B. CP, E, F, 2/26 YO 137705
- C. A & H/2/26 YO 143692
- D. CP, K, L, M, 3/9 YO 123655
- E. A & C/1/9 YO 128681
- F. CP & B/1/9 YO 132679

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G. D/1/9 YO 135679

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

- A. 1/4(-) CONTINUED OPNS IAW 9TH MAR OP O 3-67.
- B. E/2/9 PROVIDED SECURITY AND C/1/40 ARTY PROVIDED REINFORCING FIRES FOR UNITS OPERATING NORTH OF CAM 10.
- C. 3/4 MAINTAINED POSITION AT DONG HA COMBAT BASE.
- D. 2/26, 3/9(-), 2/9 (-) ATTACKING TO NORTH IAW FRAG ORDER 3-67.
- E. THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY WAS COMPLETED DURING THE PAST SIX HOURS.

UNIT	SIZE	TOR	COORD	ACTIVITY
A/1/9	SQD	162400H	YO 155614	AMBUSH

F. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED COMBAT PATROLS AND BUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATION.

G. 2/9(-) MOVED TO ASSEMBLY AREA WEST OF 9TH MAR. FWD CP.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS.

- A. AT 161440H A/1/9 & C/1/9 VIC. YO 127684 MADE CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED REINFORCED PLT. OR COMPANY OF NVA. ENEMY WAS WELL DUG IN AND USED 82MM MORTAR, 82MM POCKETS, AND AW.
- A & C 1/9 USED TANKS, ARTY AND 81MM, AND SA AGAINST ENEMY.
- RESULTS: 3 USMC KIA, 23 USMC WIA, 23 ENEMY KIA (CONF)
- 33 ENEMY (PROB). CAPTURED 1 RUSSIAN CARBINE. REF. SHOVE

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4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

A. AT 161900H 1/2/79 VIC YD 129657 TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY FRIENDLY CONVOY MOVING SOUTH ALONG ROUTE 556. 1 USMC KIA. 9 FIRE WAS RETURNED. PEF SHOVE JOURNAL 153.

5. PLANS.

A. 1/4 (-) CARRY OUT FRAG O 4-67.

B. 3/9 (-) CARRY OUT FRAG O 4-67.

C. 2/26 CARRY OUT FRAG O 4-67.

D. 2/9 (-) REMAINING ASSEMBLY AREA WEST OF FWD 9TH MAR CP.

E. 3/4 REMAIN AT DONG HA COMBAT BASE.

F. 1/9 CARRY OUT FRAG O 4-67.

G. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN POSITIONS AND CONDUCT COMBAT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES IN THEIR ASSIGNED AREA OF OPNS.

K. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

FRIENDLY: 93 KIA

619 WIA

ENEMY: 362 KIA (CONF)

ENEMY WEAPONS CAPTURED OR DESTROYED: 117

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417 KIA (PROB)

63 DETAINEES

INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS
(CREW-SERVED)

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